# GLIMPSES *of the* PAST

FIRTH 1905-2005

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Firth 8th Grade Graduation 1910
Teacher, Bert Winchell . . . Middle Row, left to right . . . Eva Dye, Adelaide Dye, Cora Firth, boy on bottom right. . . Denzil Dye

Cover Photo:
One of Lorenzo Firth's daughters with the family car.

**TO ERR IS HUMAN - TO FORGIVE DIVINE**

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# Our Gratitude

We're grateful to you, Pioneers,
Our hats are off to you;
You've left a mighty heritage
To us the chosen few.

You came with dauntless courage
To till the virgin sod,
To you we sing our praises,
Brave Pioneers, and God.

You left your homes and loved ones
To seek this wonder land,
And finding, passed it on to us
Improved on ev'ry hand.

You dressed in tattered garments
That we might have the silk;
You drank the water, alkali,
That we might have the milk.

You suffered in the wintry blasts
And summer's scorching heat
That we might ride in luxury
On rubber, soft and air.

You tamed the savage races,
You killed the snake and bear,
You plowed the hard resisting sod
and put the water there.

You've done it all, you Pioneers,
There's little left to do,
But all our lives will be a prayer
Of gratitude to you.

–Agnes Just Reid

# FOREWORD

by Wallace and Marlene Stibal Reid

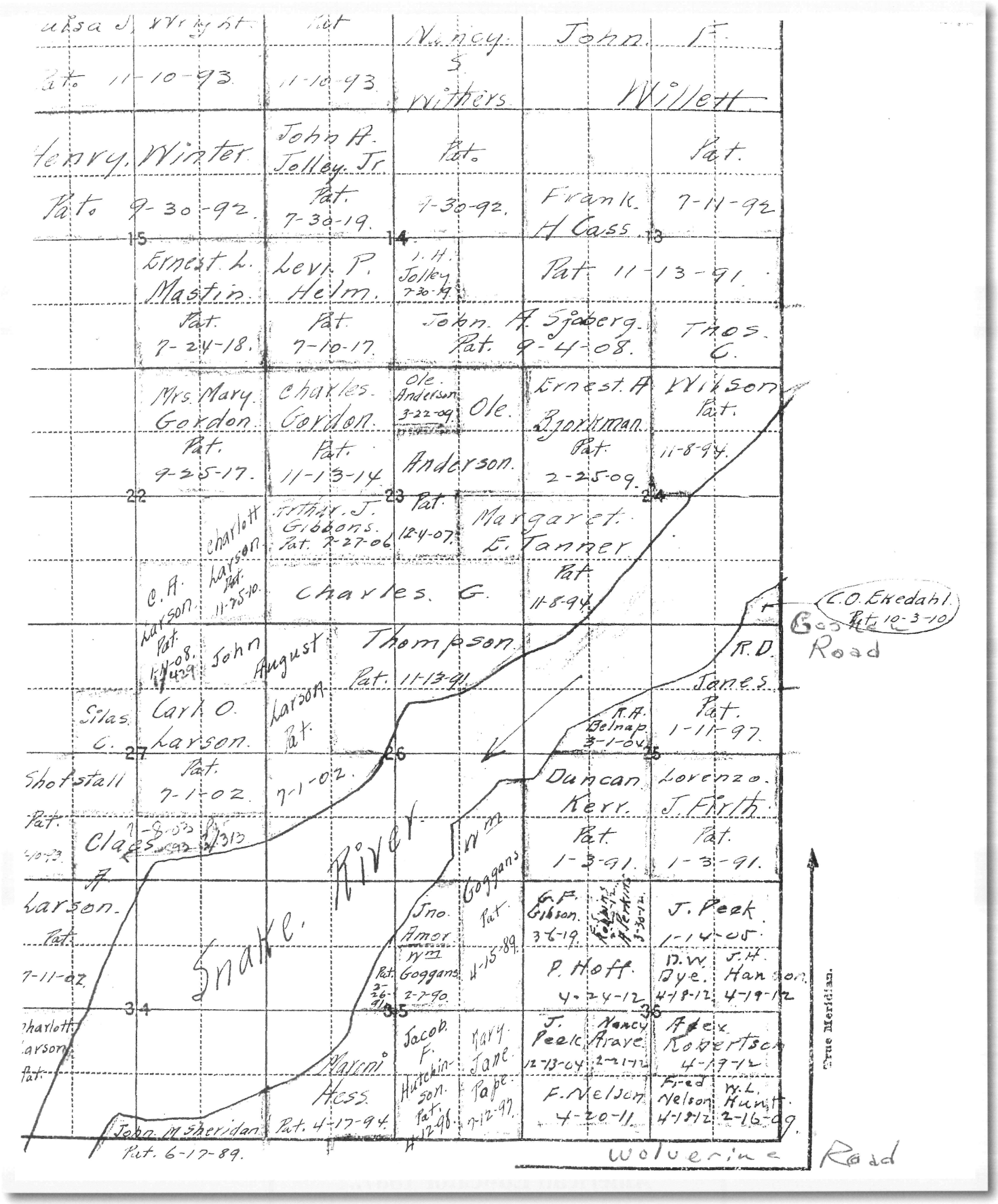
The gathering of the material for this publication has been a journey of great proportions. We have found a wide range of historical descriptions, with a stunning collection of images. The stories engage us, and the remarkable photographs pull us further into the first beginning of the settlement of Firth. For many, these personal stories and myths help to explain who we are and how those people's lives shaped our way of life, we believe; and so they are still with us. We are also reminded constantly how far we have traveled from those beginnings.

We therefore dedicated this book, to all of those, from the beginning of 1905 to the end of 2005, that have helped to make Firth the wonderful little community that it is today. Also to those that were so willing to contribute and share pictures and information of the past. Through your willingness to help preserve history, this book became a reality.

**THEY SOFTLY WALK**
**They are not lost who find**
**The sunset gate, the goal**
**of all their faithful years.**
**Not lost are they who reach**
**the summit of their climb,**
**the peak above the clouds**
**and storms. They are not lost**
**who find the light of sun**
**and stars and God.**
**They are not dead who live**
**in hearts they leave behind.**
**In those whom they have blessed**
**they live a life again.**
**And shall live through the years**
**eternal life, and grow**
**each day more beautiful**
**as time declares their good,**
**forgets the rest, and proves**
**their immortality.**

**Hugh Robert Orr**
**American Educator 1887..?**

# ORIGINAL FIRTH, IDAHO HOMESTEAD SITES



# FIRTH FAMILY

## LORENZO J. FIRTH FAMILY AND TOWN

Lorenzo Jacob Firth was born in Wakefield, England, and when a young boy he came across the ocean in a small sailing vessel called the "John Jay Boy." The immigrants were very crowded and Lorenzo, (my grandfather) told me he was seasick and confined to his bunk all the way.

**Firth Family Homestead**

He told us of an experience he and another lad about his age had with the Indians. The young men had gone out one day and were captured by Indians, who tied them on wild ponies and turned them loose in the herd. The Indians then poked the ponies with sticks to make them buck, laughing and whooping all the while. Of course, the young men were scared, afraid they would be killed, but when night came they were turned loose.

The boys later worked on the Burns Ranch in Wyoming for awhile, then in the coal mines in Rock Springs. While in the Rock Springs area they met, and became friends with, the noted Mountain man, Jim Bridger.

Mr. Firth later worked on the Oregon Shortline railroad from Corinne, Utah, to Pocatello, Idaho. When the railroad was extended to Eagle Rock (now Idaho Falls), he worked at night as a track-walker.

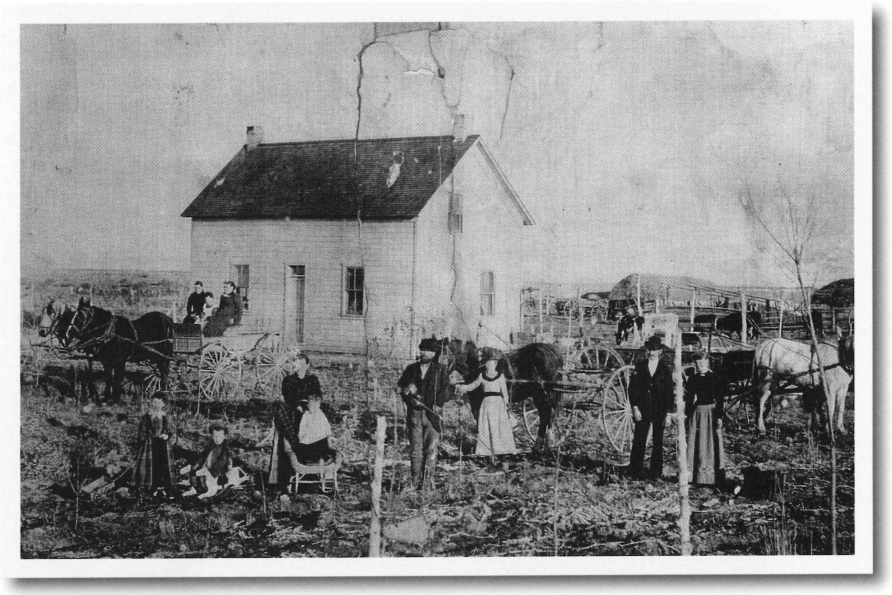
Mr. Firth and Dorcas Martin were married in 1873 in Utah, and moved with their family from Uinta, Utah, in 1887, to Basalt, Idaho, where Lorenzo had previously made application for a homestead. They proved up on the homestead in 1892; the Homestead Certificate No. 1165 was signed by President Benjamin Harrison. Thirteen children were born to this union.

When they arrived at their farm late in the evening, the horses could not pull the wagon across the railroad rails, so on the first night they had to sleep on the north side of the tracks. Later the railroad built a crossing in front of their house, and some years later the crossing was built at the present site. The first few years they had to haul water from the river, and they herded the livestock along the river where the feed was better.

Mr. Firth donated the land on the west side of the railroad right-of-way to be used to build a town; he also gave the southeast corner of his homestead to be used for a school, which came to be known as the "Dye school," which still stands, as does the old barn on his homestead.

The Oregon Shortline railroad built a small depot and a water tank close to the Firth farm, and the community soon became known as "Firth."

On August 31, 1905, the townsite was dedicated "to whom concerned" by L.J. Firth and Dorcas Firth, his wife.



Homestead of Lorenzo Firth . . . 1894. . . LR Front Row. (daughter), Mabel Firth . . . (son), Thomas Firth in rocking horse . . . Marion Firth being held by her mother, Dorcas Firth. . . Lorenzo J. Firth, (daughter) Emma Firth, holding horse team, Nels Fred Nelson and Mary Ann (Firth) Nelson. In spring wagon, Auntie Karr and daughter and person unknown.

Homestead of Lorenzo J. Firth and Dorcas Martin Firth in 1897. Their newer home is now the current home of Vikki Youngstrom . . . 2005.

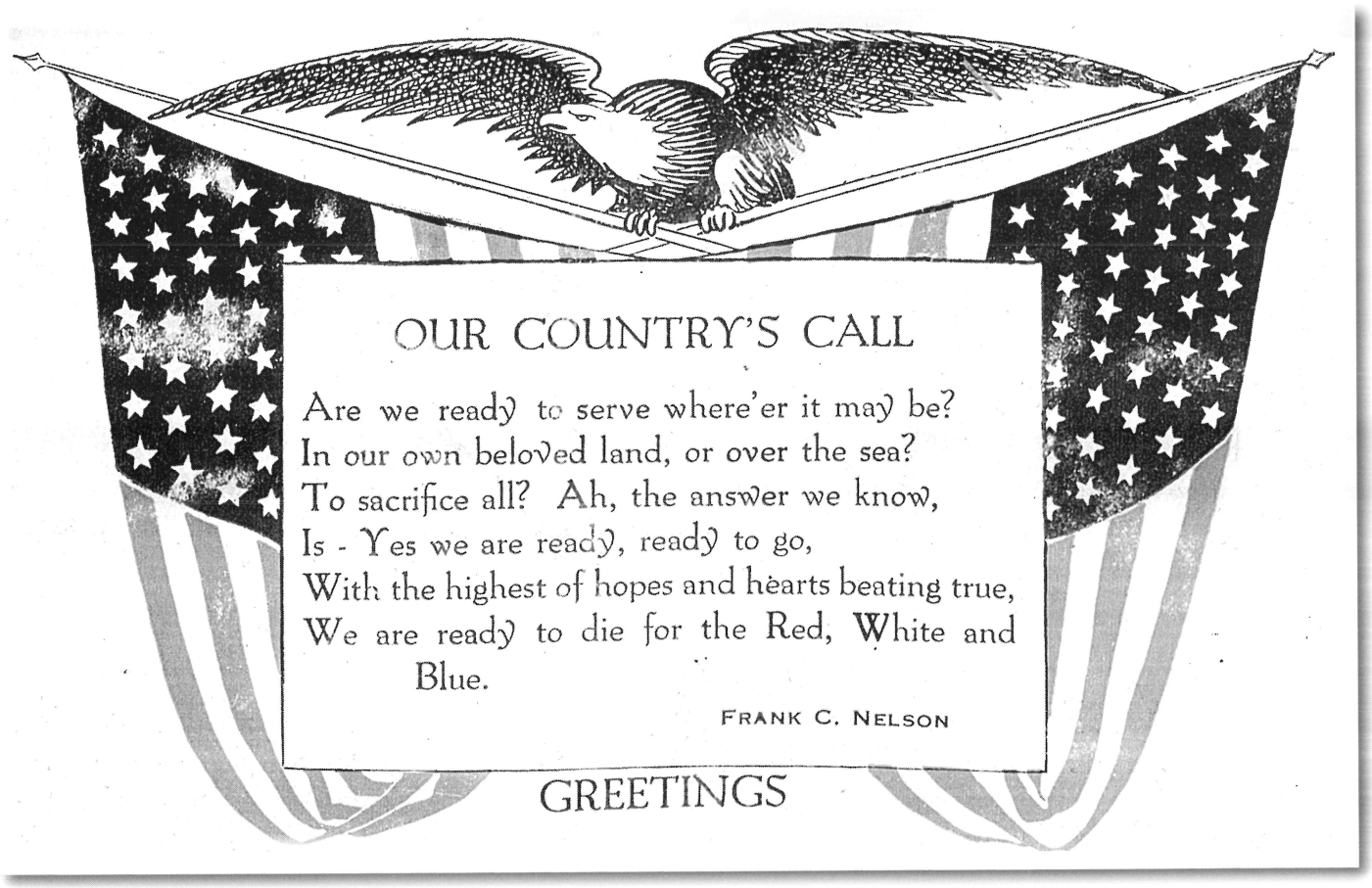
Firth Family . . . LR Top row . . . Mabel, Cora, Emma, Marion, Mary Ann, Bertha. . . Bottom Row, Ethel, Dorcas (mother), Lorenzo (father), and Jessie . . . . . William Lorenzo, 1877-1880. . . John, 1879-1880. . . Rose Bell, 1886-1894. . . all died in infancy. Thomas Harry Firth, 1891-1919 killed in France, WWI, age 28.

Mary Malden Peak and Richard Dye - 1800's . . . Mary was the mother of Dorcas Firth

FIRTH

ROSA B.
SEPT. 23, 1886
MAY 9 1894

FIRTH
LORENZO J.
BORN IN ENGLAND 1851
DIED IN FIRTH JAN. 25, 1939
DORCAS
BORN IN MASSACHUSETTS 1859
DIED IN FIRTH JAN. 21, 1939
FATHER
MOTHER
PIONEERS AND FOUNDERS OF FIRTH

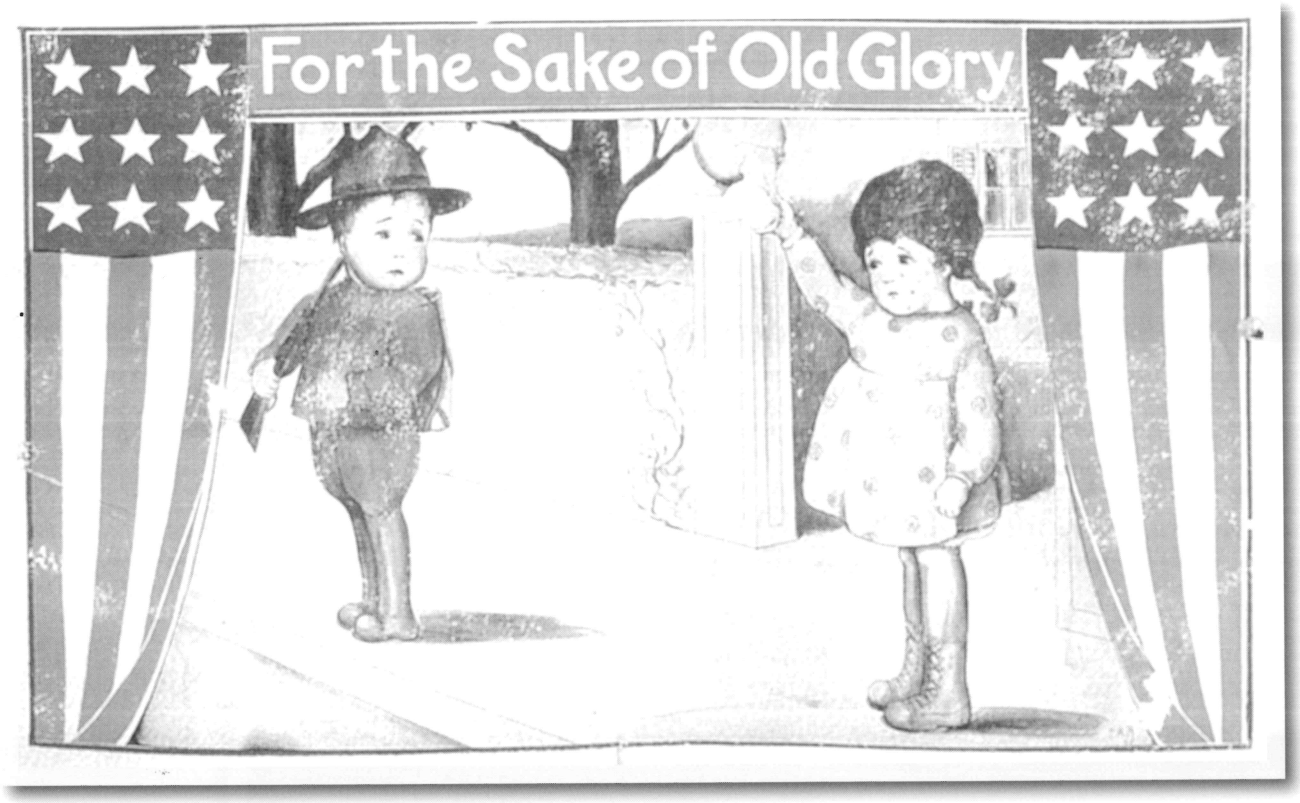


## OUR COUNTRY'S CALL

Are we ready to serve where'er it may be?
In our own beloved land, or over the sea?
To sacrifice all? Ah, the answer we know,
Is - Yes we are ready, ready to go,
With the highest of hopes and hearts beating true,
We are ready to die for the Red, White and Blue.

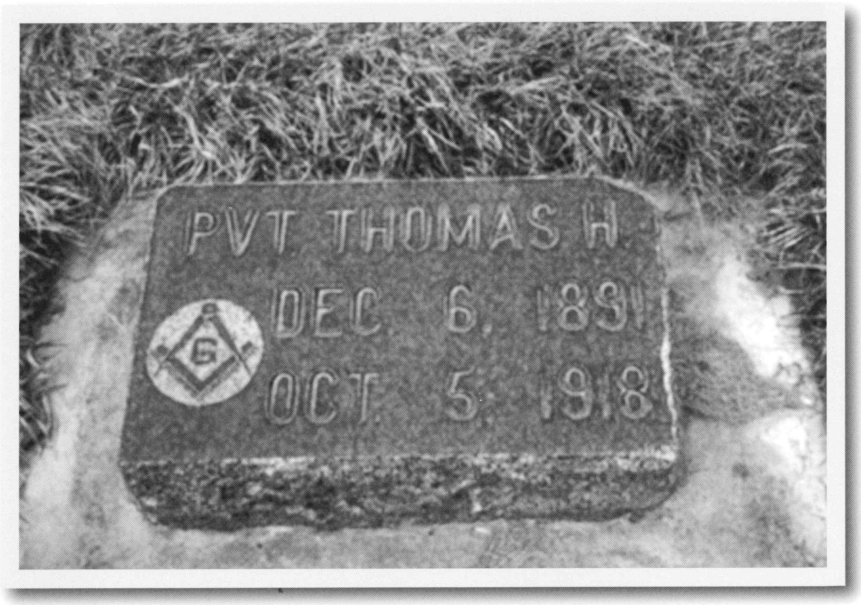
FRANK C. NELSON

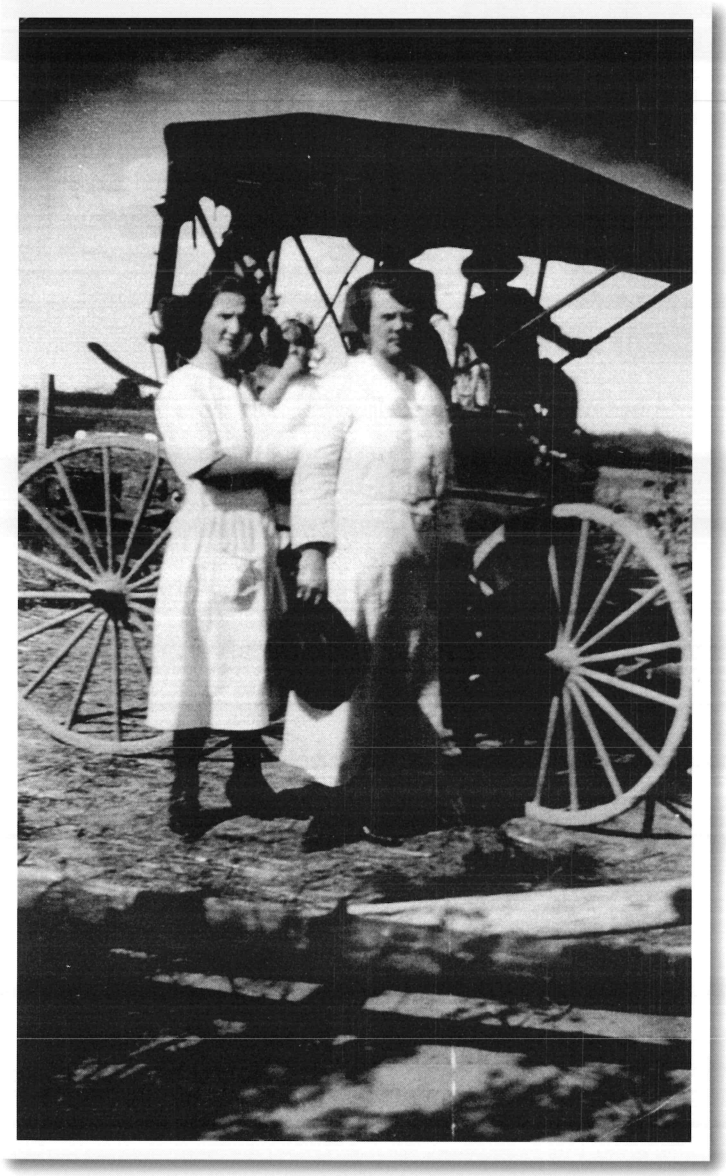
GREETINGS



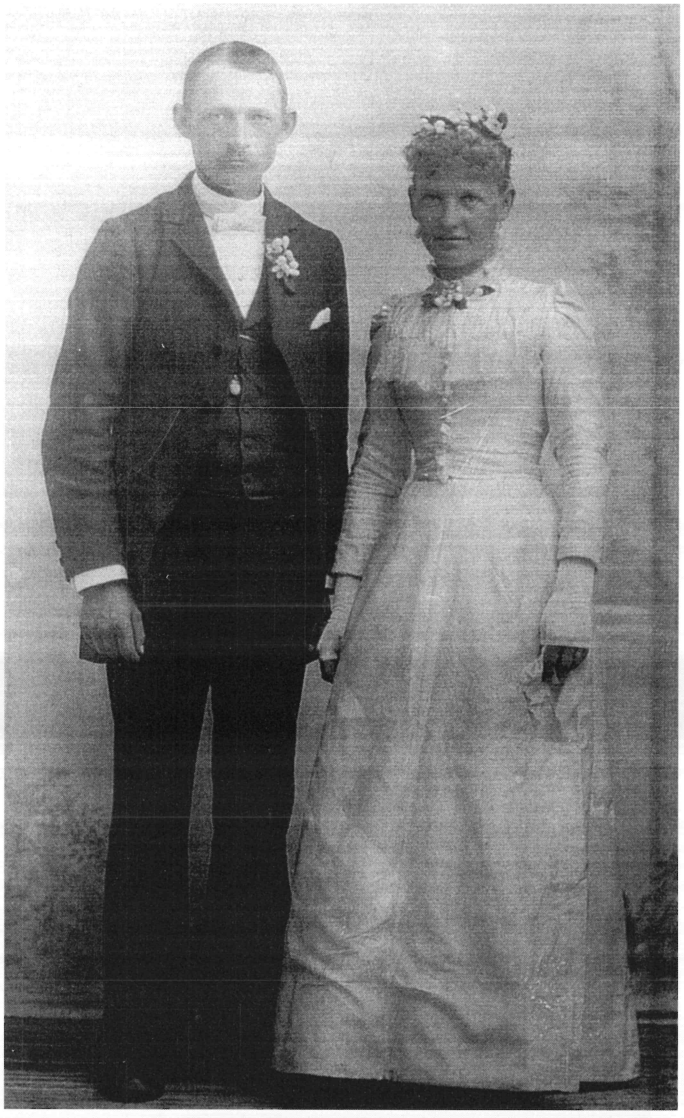
Burial of Thomas Firth, in family plot at the Firth-Basalt cemetery.

Thomas Harry Firth, killed by a sniper the day after WWI ended.

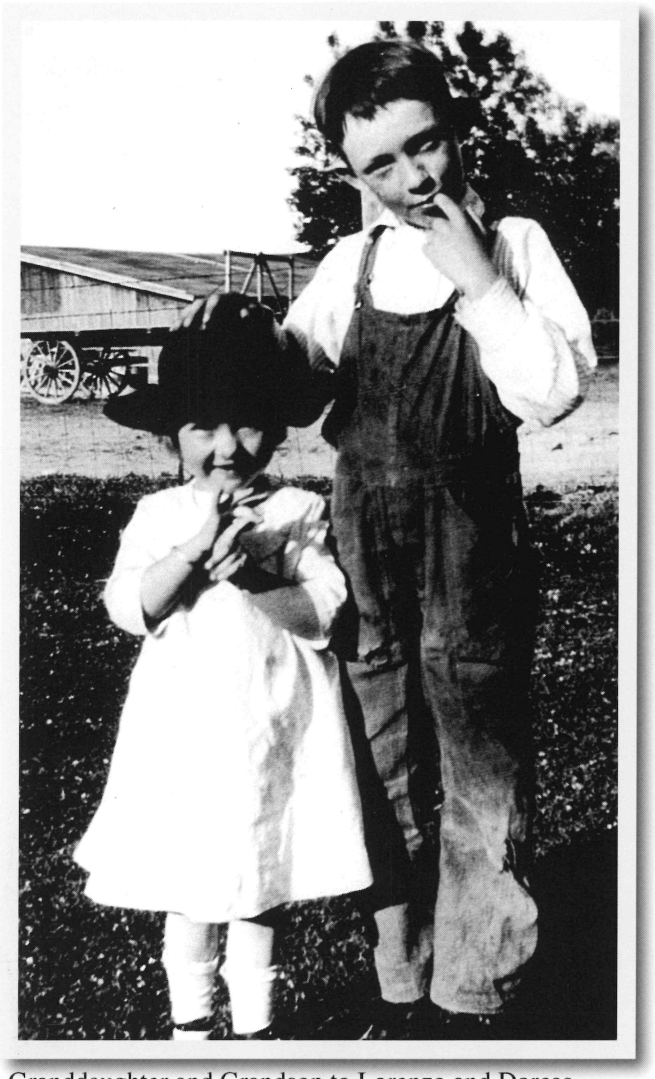




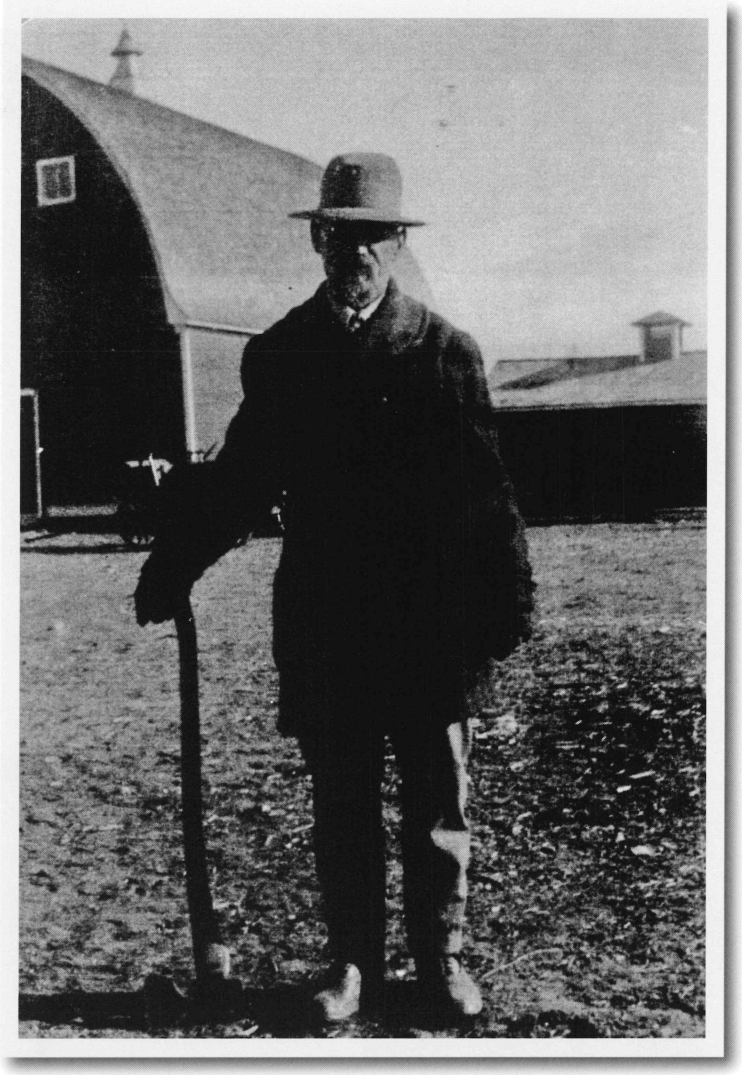
Sisters, Cora and Emma Firth, 1923



Feb. 17, 1895, Wedding picture of Lorenzo and Dorcas' daughter, Mary Ann, when she married Nels Fred Nelson. He was the son of Ingrid Petronelli and Gustavus Nelson.



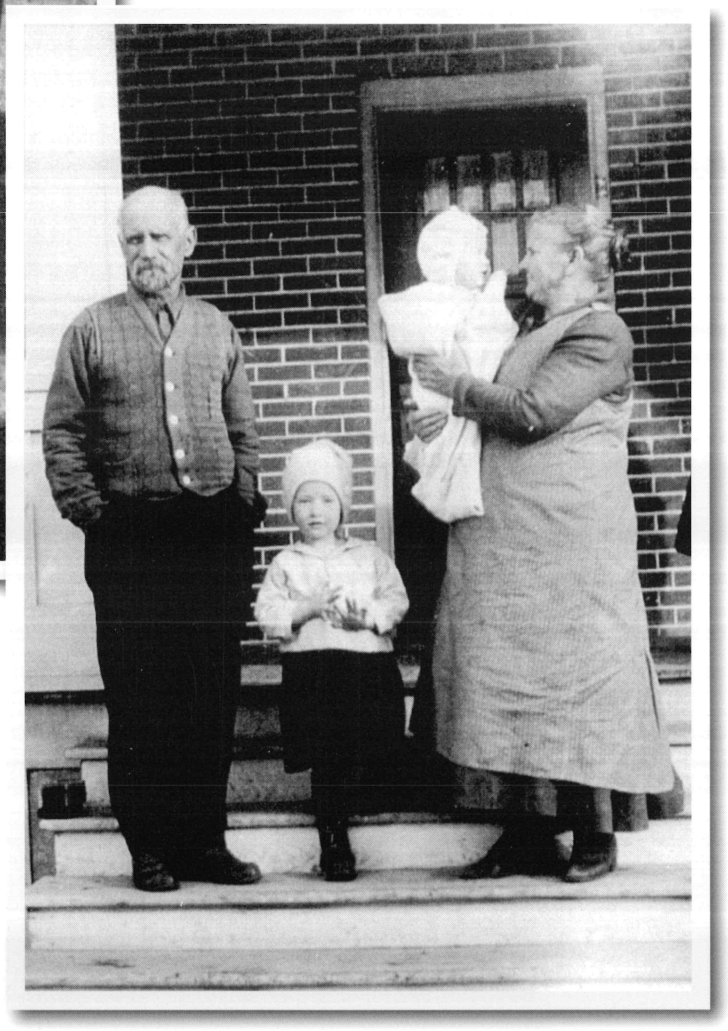
Granddaughter and Grandson to Lorenzo and Dorcas Firth. . . Dorcas and Tom Nelson, 1910.



Lorenzo Firth standing by his finished barn.

The building of the Lorenzo Firth barn around 1915.

Dorcas and Lorenzo Firth, Sept. 1936, 53rd Wedding Anniversary.



Lorenzo and Dorcas Firth with grandchildren.

# DYE FAMILY

## Dye Bros. Among Firth's First Settlers

By Nina Humphries

Among the very first early settlers at Firth were the Dye brothers, Richard, William, Joseph, Walter, and James. They were born and rasied at Riverdale, Utah, a little community south of Ogden.

As they reached young manhood they were filled with a desire to homestead a place of their own, and having heard of the rich, sparsly settled country of the Snake River Valley, it was natural that they would head their teams and wagons in that direction.

Richard Dye and his wife came to Idaho and settled in Firth soon after they were married in the spring of 1885. They had filed on their homestead the year before. Joseph and William came about the same time, along with their uncle, Lorenzo J. Firth, for whom the town of Firth got its name. They also began to homestead some ground.

One of the great needs for the land, of course, was water, and they began to look around for a source. It was necessary to go about five miles north to bring water out of the Snake River onto their land. Working with other settlers, they began to build the Cedar Point Canal. It was about this time when the two younger brothers, James and Walter, came up to help work on the canals. It took five years to build the canal using what equipment they had to bring the water down to the land that was being cleared of sagebrush. Work could only be done on the canals when there was natural moisture enough in the earth to allow plowing and scraping. When they were not working on the canal, they were busy grubbing sagebrush by day and would burn it at night.

All the Dye men eventually married and brought their brides to their homesteads where the women worked side by side with their men to clear the ground and eke out a living.

The beautiful cemetery located just east of the Firth LDS Church was started in 1895 when the infant daughter of William and Julia Child Dye passed away. At that time there was no definite burial place, so their baby was buried on the higher ground on the north and central part of their homestead land. Later other people were also buried there. This elevated acreage of land was later plotted as a recognized cemetery, owned at first by William Dye, but it had little care except that which could be given by individual families who had loved ones buried there. Other burial places were established at Basalt, Goshen, and later at the River View Cemetery on the west side of the river. In December of 1939 the Basalt-Goshen-Firth Cemetery District was organized. A number of early pioneer settlers in the Firth area are buried here. Among them are the five Dye brothers, Richard, William, Joseph, James, and Walter, and their wives.

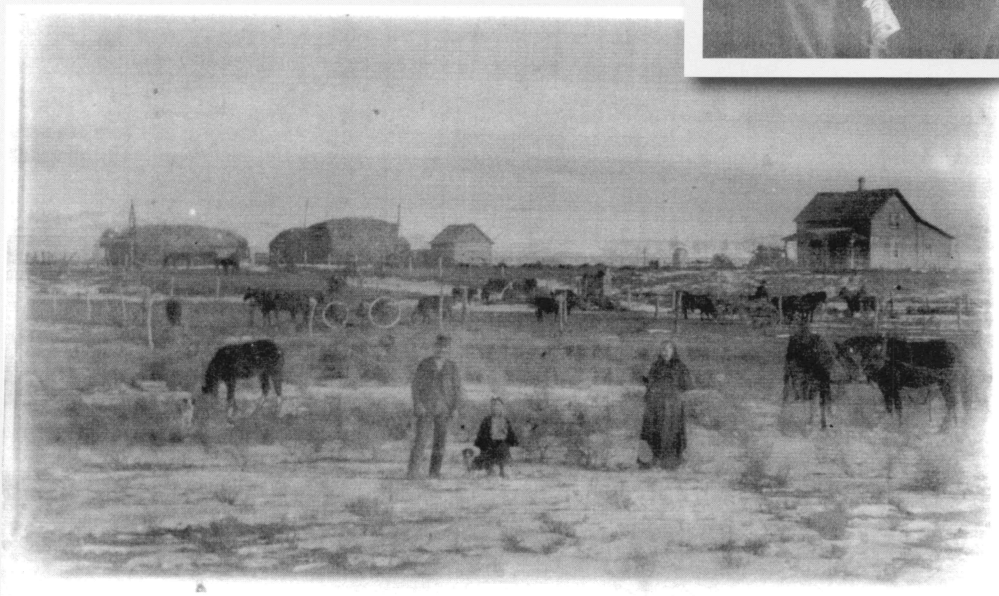
The Dyes came from a good religious home and after settling in Idaho, they all did a great deal in getting their church established, and they all worked in many capacities in their church. Several of them, if not all, were called by their church to go on missions, which they gladly did, although it meant leaving a wife and children at home. But they had great faith and knew that their brothers would look after things at home while they were gone.

Thye were also very civic-minded and did much to build up their town, serving on school boards, working for the Irrigation Company, etc. Some of them were water masters for many years. They were also musically talented and gave of themselves in that field. For many years Joseph operated a general store, at first in Basalt and then at Firth.

William Dye dug the first well in his locality. He also kept a faithful day by day record of his life and work for many years, and for thirty years he kept the temperature of the weather at his place, morning and night. He developed a twenty-five acre apple orchard and operated one of the largest apiaries in the state.

Although all of the original Dye members are gone, they have left a host of descendents, who, even though some have moved away, still think of Firth with warm memories as their own home town.

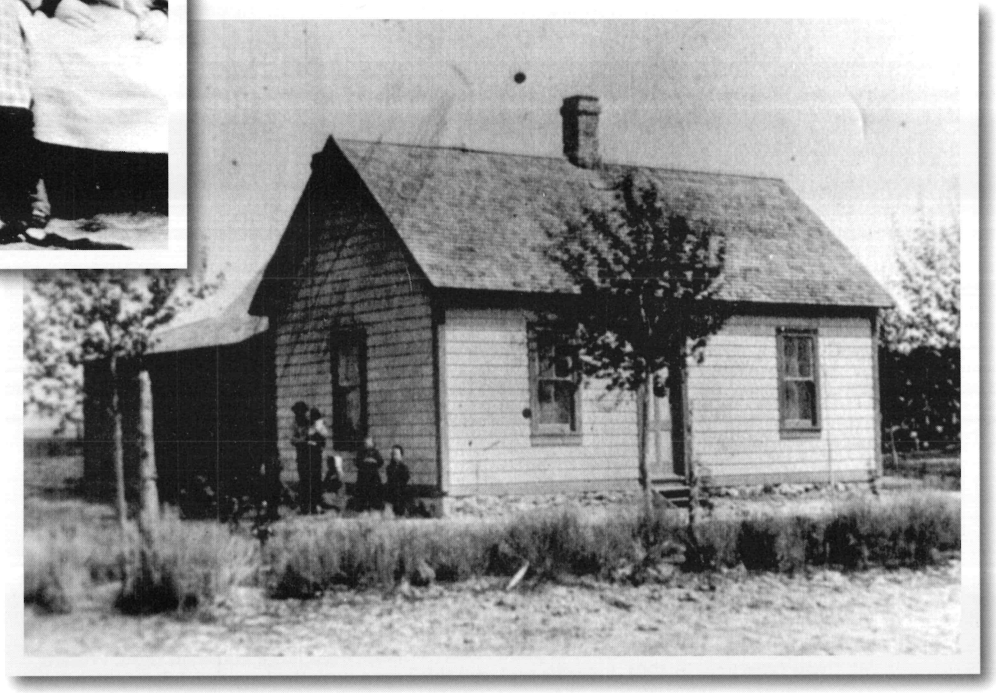
Willian Dye family, standing L to R: Ada and Eva, sitting: Barber, William, Malden, Julia, and Willard - 1900's?



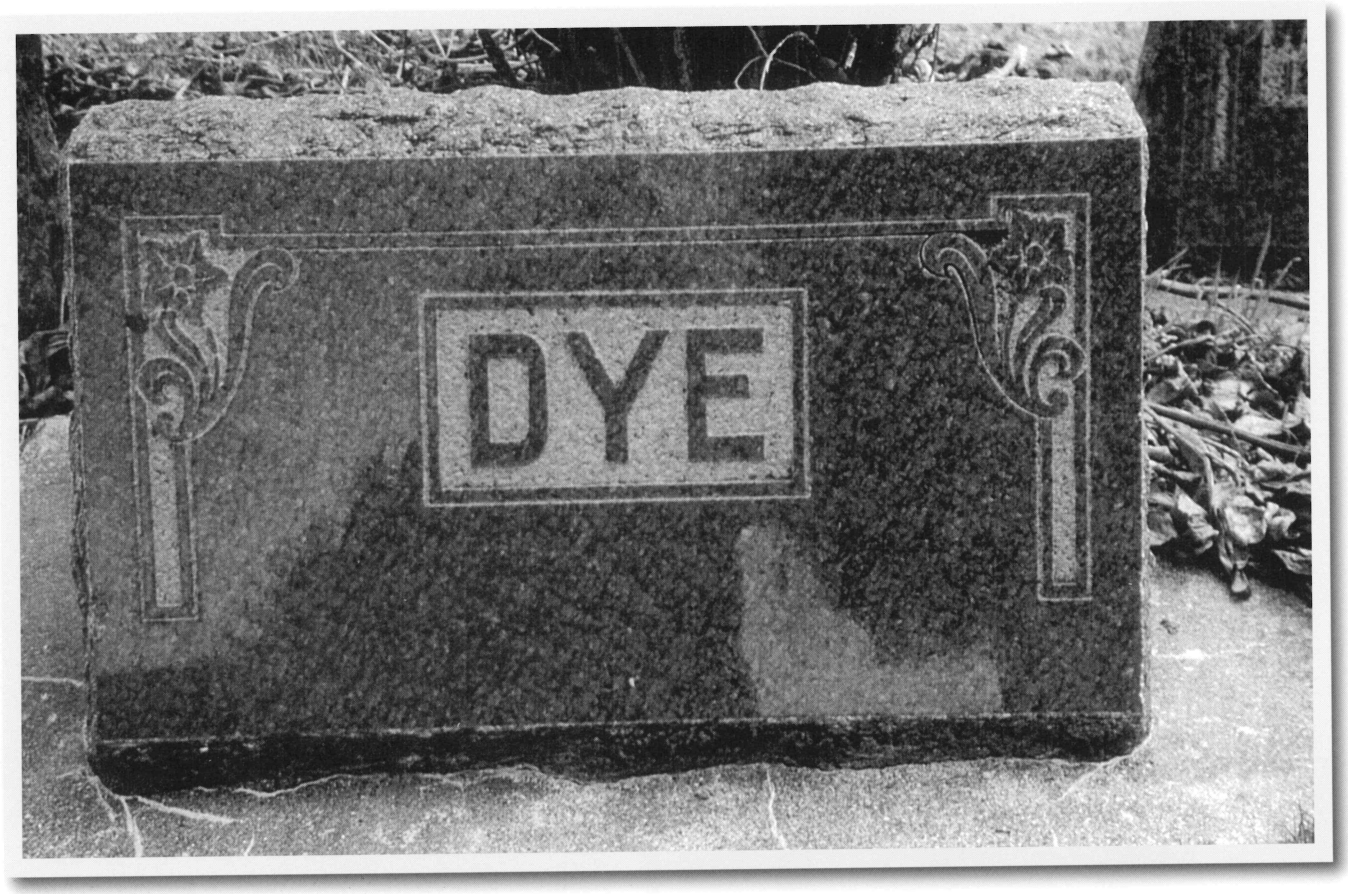
William M. Dye home --- Photo taken about 1898
Original log house in center of photo. Later William built large house on right; Willard was born here in 1904. Later he replaced this house with the large brick home standing there now (2005). William, Ada, and Julia Dye are in the foreground.

Joseph Dye and children - late 1800's.

Joseph and Nellie Dye, Top L to R: Alice, Nellie, Florence, Joseph, bottom: Alma, Mary, and Rachel - 1900's.



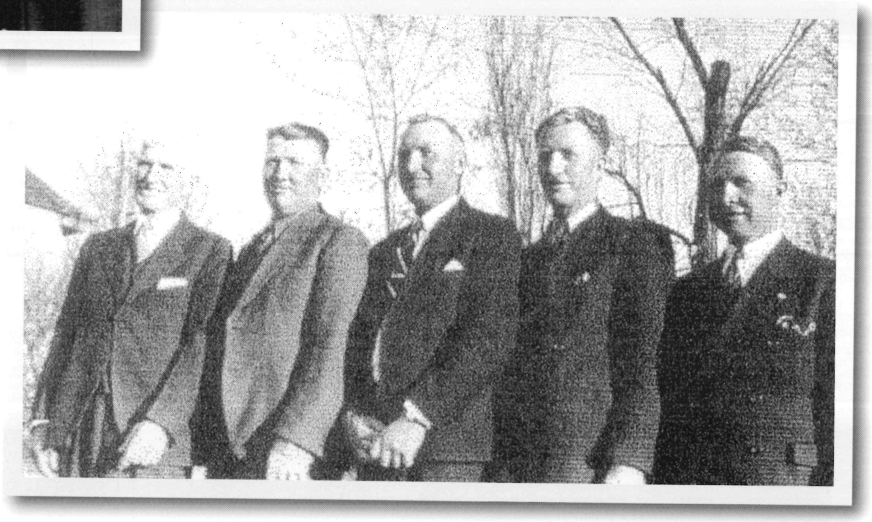
Joseph Dye homestead home-late 1890's.


DYE

DYE
NELLIE D. CHILD
1870 — 1944
JOSEPH H.
1867 — 1950

William and Julie Dye at 50th Anniversary, with children, Eva, Marie, Ada, Stanley, Barber, Willard, Malden - 1941.

Julia Dye and daughters; Marie, Eva, Ada - 1941.



William Dye and sons; Malden, Barber, Willard, and Stanley - 1941

# CHURCHES

Firth Tabernacle Assembly of God Church, Pastor Arnason standing in front without a hat - about 1911.

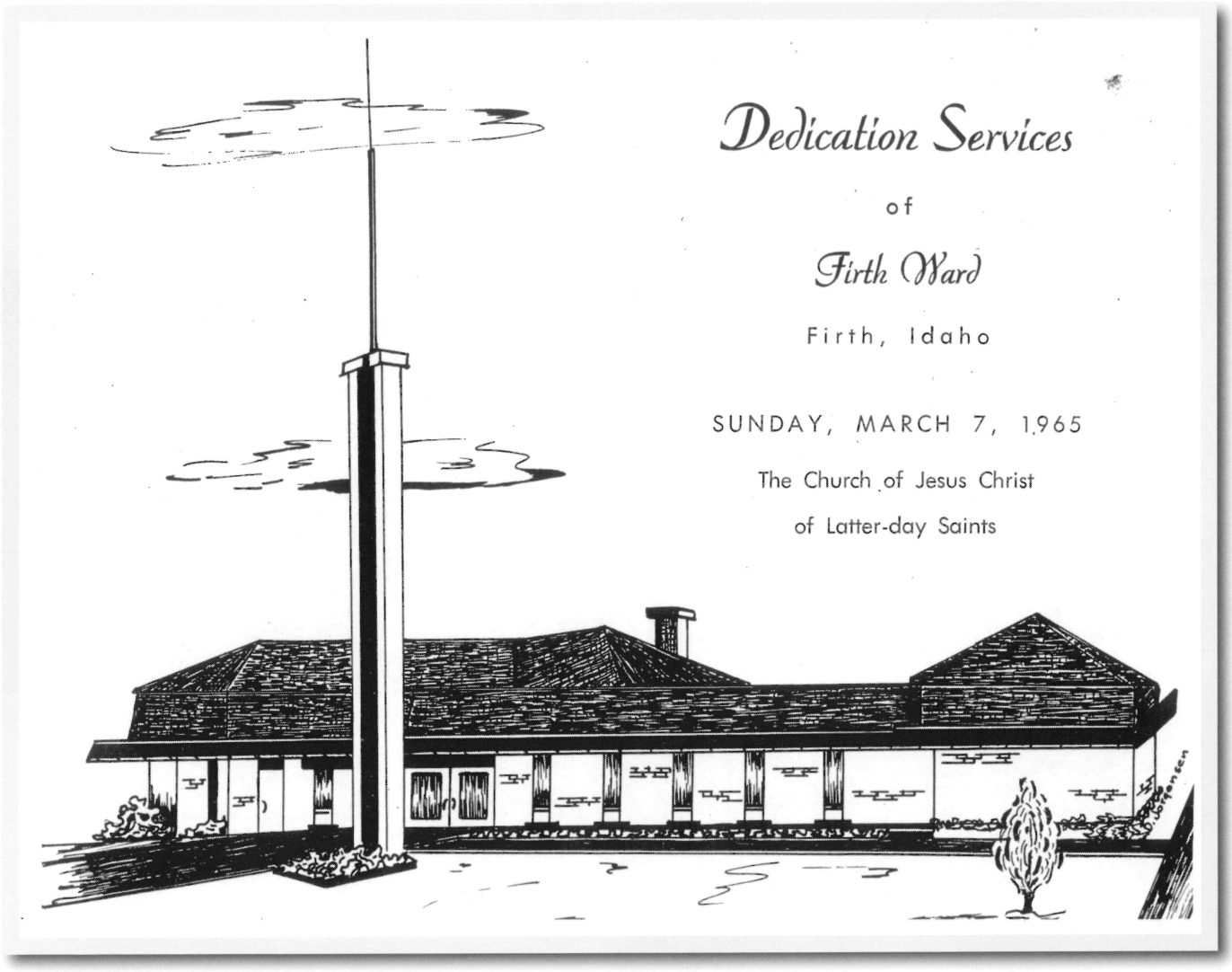
Assembly of god Church with a new front addition - 1960.

Assembly of God Church group, perhaps a picnic. . . 1920's.

This picture of the Bethel Lutheran Church was taken in 1959. (Bethel means house of God). In 1911, a small white church with bell tower and tall steeple topped with a cross was built.

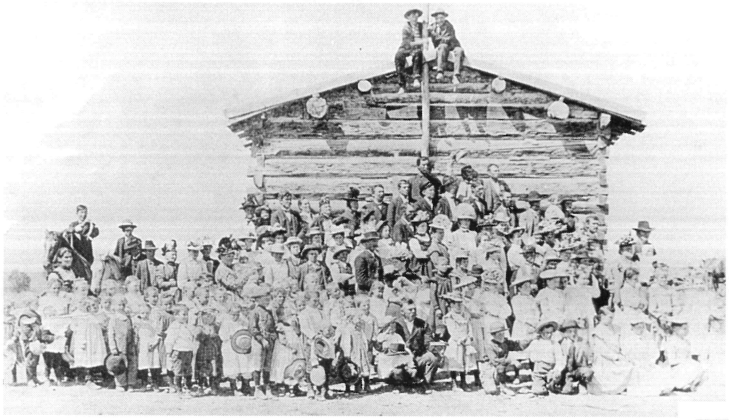
Firth Assembly of God Church group: Back row, L to R: Joe and Vi Swenson, Elmer and Adeline Wiklund, Myrtle Berggren, Person Unknown, Ebba Cederberg, Person Unknown, Melva Larson, Roland Larson, Albert Gentillon. Front row, L to R: Phil and Edith Swenson, Person Unknown, Melvin Schoberg, Carl Adolfson, Person Unknown, Person Unknown, Art and Esther Anderson.

Church was first held on the second floor of the old Ramsey building which still stands on the main street of Firth.
A building lot was purchased and construction on our first chapel was begun in November of 1934. The first meeting was held in June of 1935 and the building was dedicated in August of 1935 by President Heber J. Grant.




FIRST CHAPELS
The Firth Ward was first organized in June of 1924 with John J. Lyon as bishop, Walter E. Dye as 1st counselor, Jefferson Davis, 2nd counselor, and Malden W. Dye as ward clerk, David A. Haycock and Burke Frandsen also served as counselors.

Firth Ward Relief Society - 1939



Early Relief Society meeting in front of meeting place - 1897

Early Relief Society Presidency, standing L to R: Mary E. Freeman and Marie Jensen' sitting L to R: Mary Lyon, Mellie Dye. Julia Dye - 1906. Nellie was sustained president in 1906 and held the position for eight years.

First L.D.S. Sunday School at Cedar Point - 1880's?

# 1900's

First Grade School Class - early 1900's, Teacher Nannie Carlos.

Filling the Snake River slough, preparing for homes to be built on the Firth townsite. Martin Mattson, Ed Christensen, Ralph Kingsford with their teams. . . early 1900's.

**1901**

William McKinley assassinated, Theodore Roosevelt becomes president.

**1902**

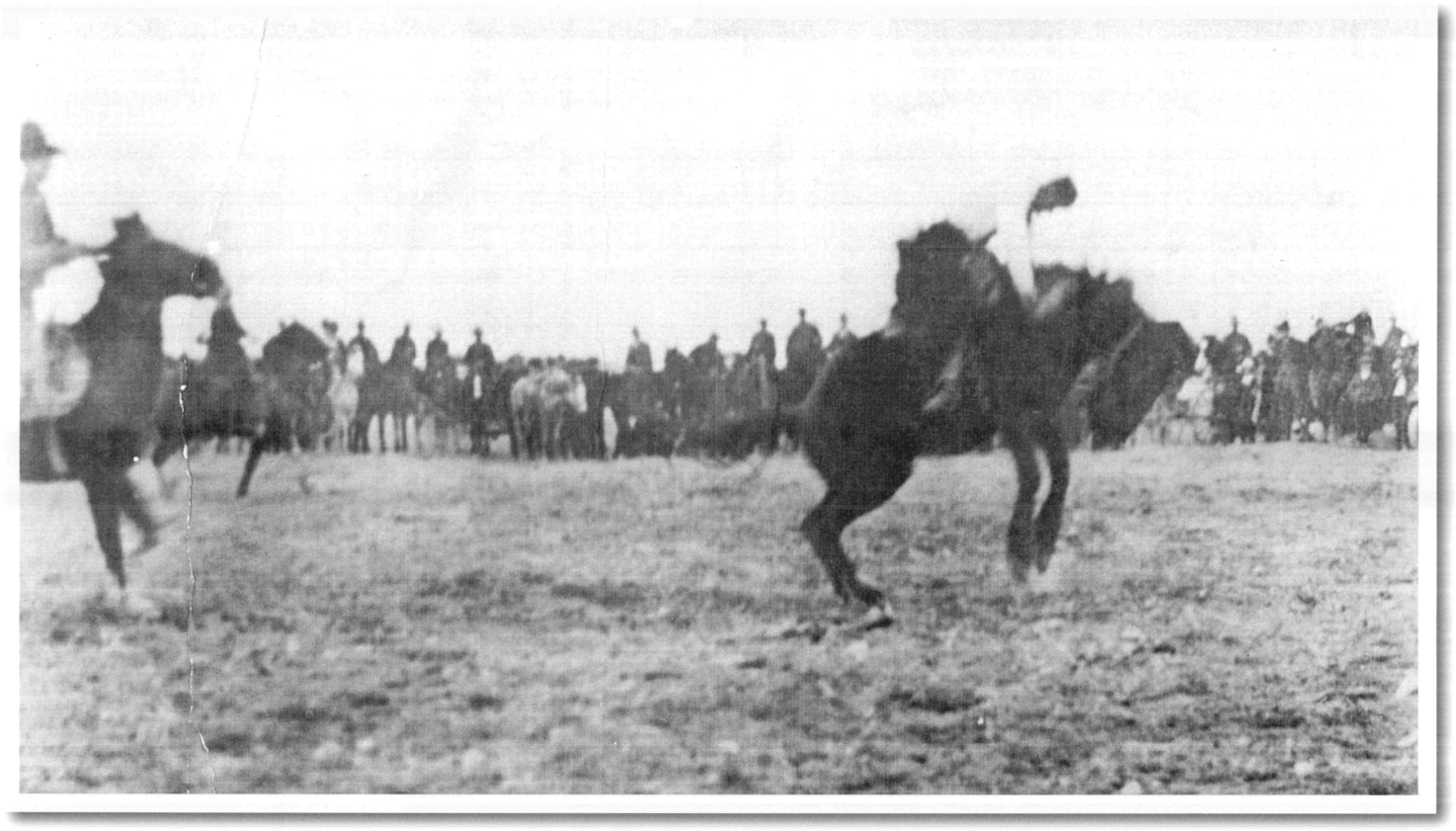
Newlands Reclamation Act passed to aid settlement of arid western lands.

**1903**

Wright brothers make first successful heavier-than-air flight.

**1908**

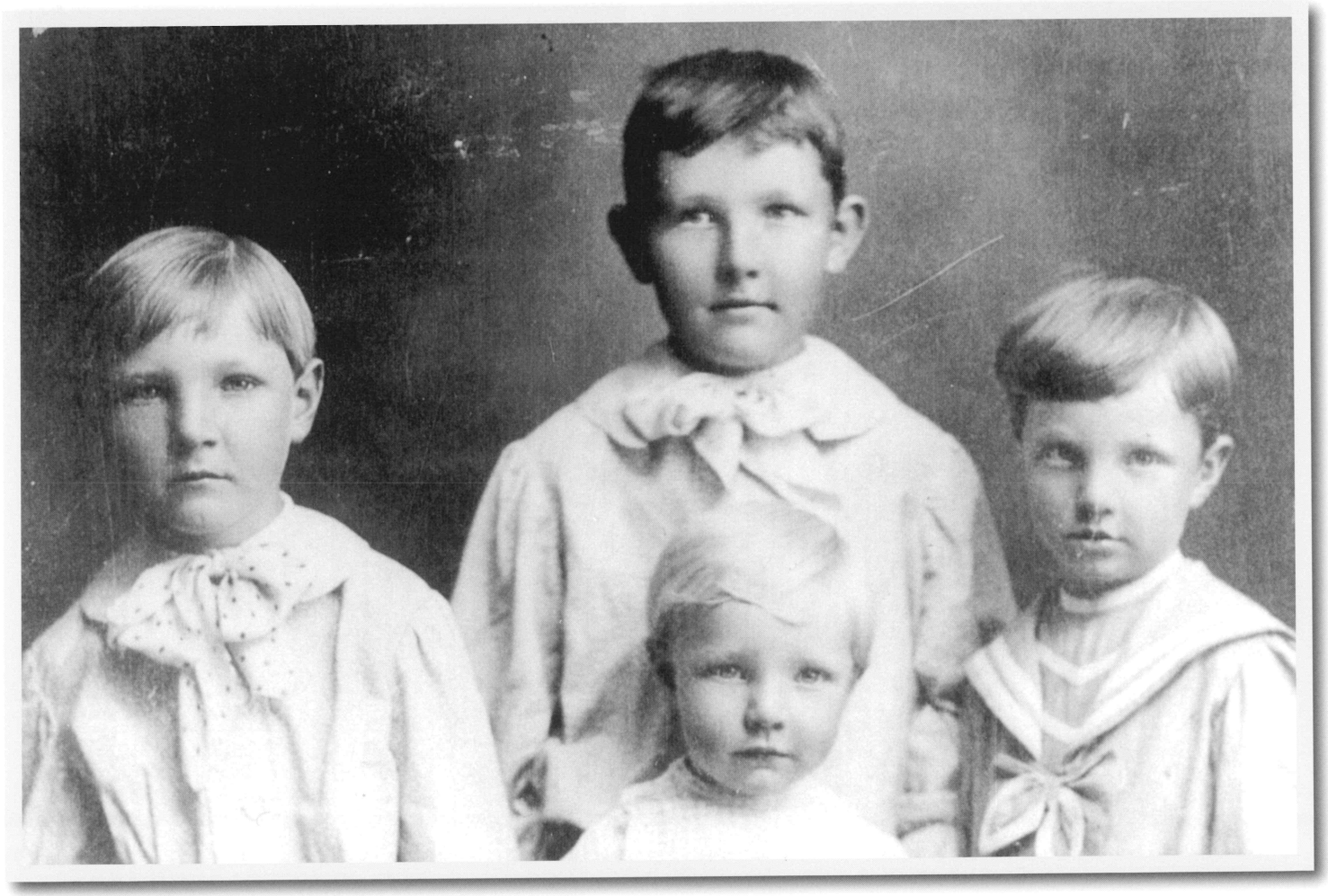
William Howard Taft elected President. Model T Ford introduced to public.



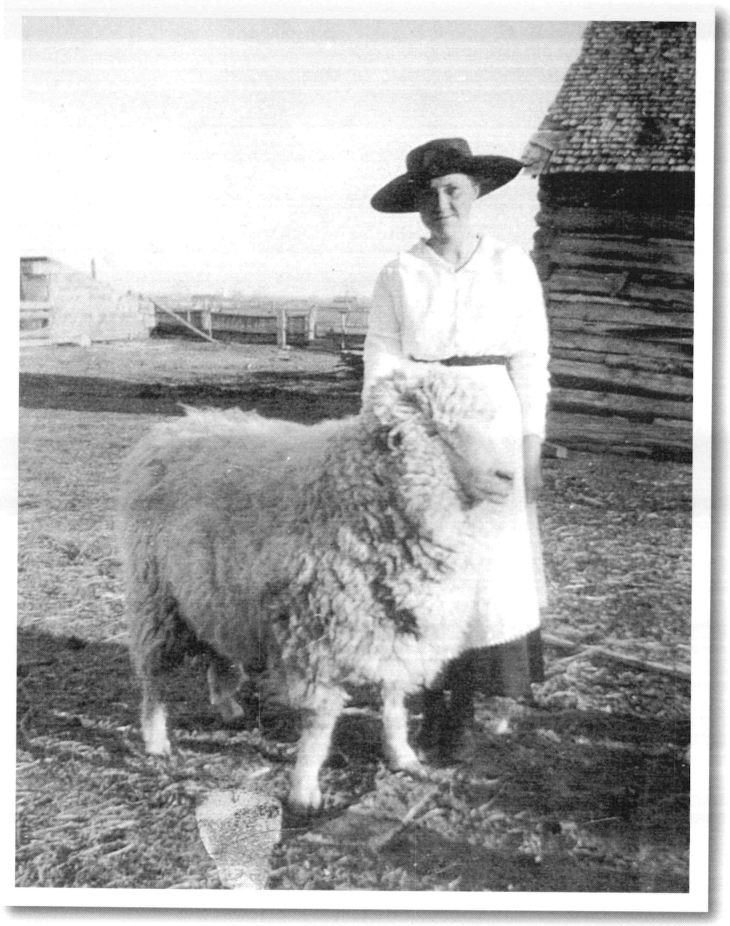
1900's Rodeo at Firth, held every Sunday afternoon for the local cowboys in the area, where the 1922 high school was later built. On the right is Martin Mattson, riding the horse called W.W..

Hauling wheat from Morgans Bridge - 1917?

Nelson brothers on horse . . . L to R: Oscar, Harry, William, and Fred - late 1800's.



Sons of William and Julia Dye: Barber, Malden, Willard and Stanley - 1907.



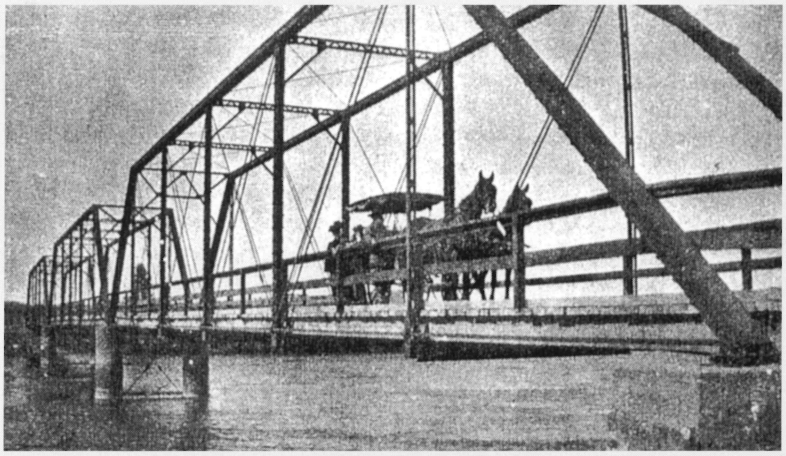
Eva Dye with prize sheep - 1920's.

Julia Dye with daughters, Eva and Ada - 1890's?

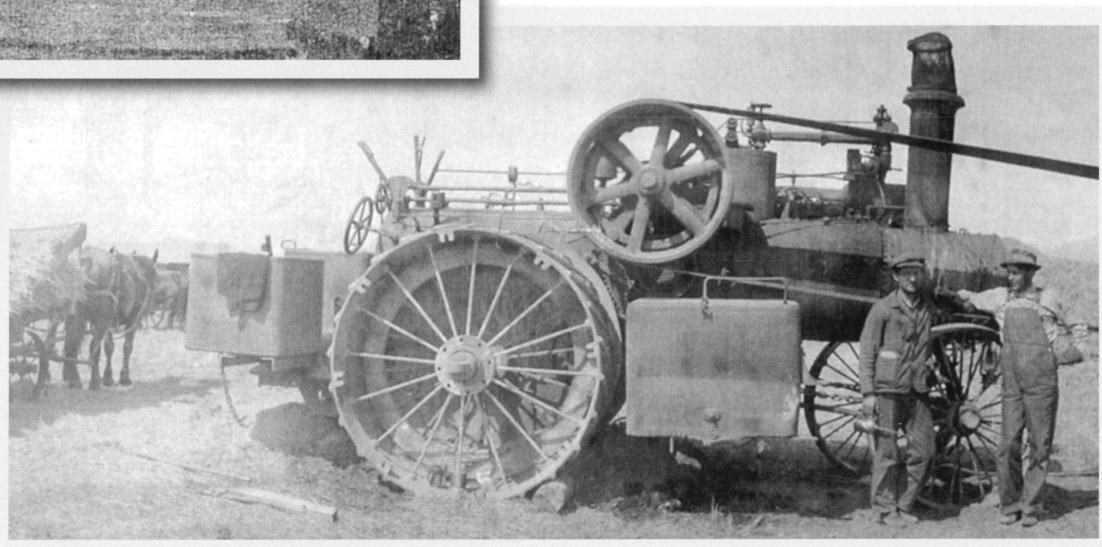
Early Pioneer School. . . Bert Winchell teacher. Starting L to R on the front row, the 2nd boy is Malden Dye.

Boyhood friends, Milo Andrus and Martin Mattson - 1900's.

Axel Nelson on flax - 1900's. Note leather Indian gloves.



Wiklund Family Crossing First Bridge, built in 1907.



Oil Pull Combine - late 1900's.

# 1910's

**February 3, 1991**
The electric self-starter for automobiles is demonstrated.

**January 25, 1915**
Alexander Graham Bell places the first transcontinental telephone call from New York to San Francisco.

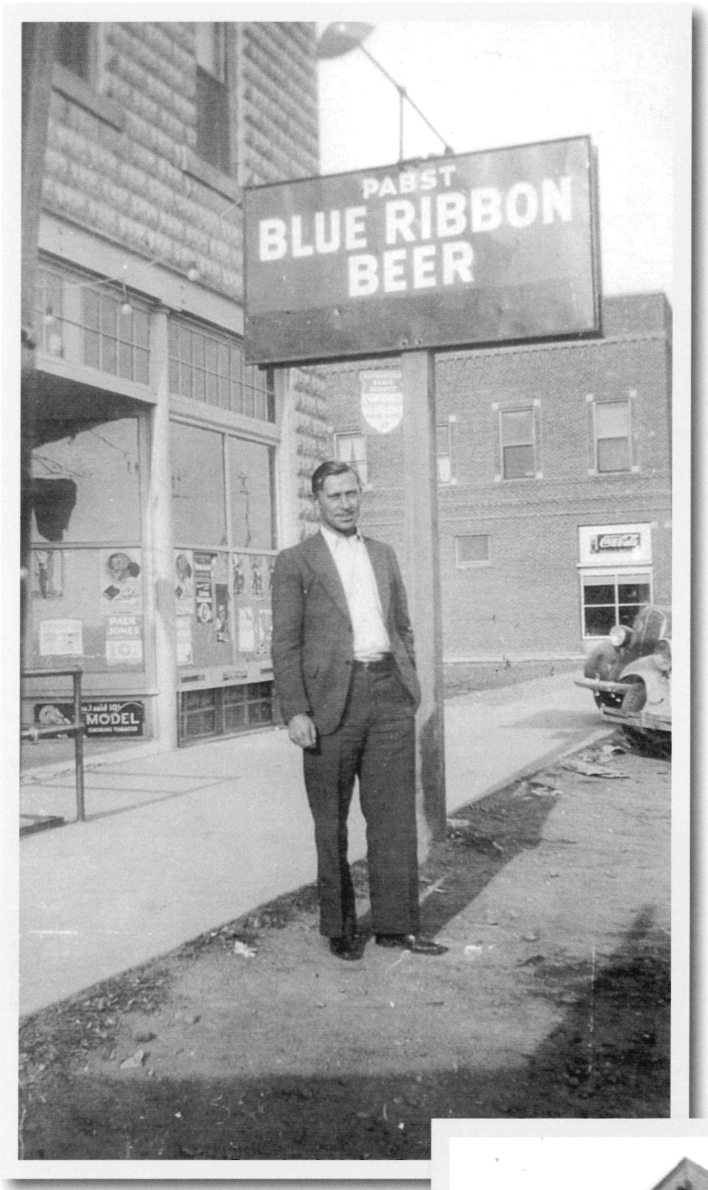
**January 10, 1918**
The Senate passes the Susan B. anthony resolution and in 1920 ratification makes it the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution; women voted nationally for the first time in the November 1920 presidential election.

**November 11, 1918**
Armistice Day. the end of World War I, celebrated as an annual holiday for the first time one year later.

**April 6, 1917**
The United States declares war on Germany

Andrus and Nelson's General Store; L to R: small girl, Velma Andrus, Milon D. Andrus, Althea Andrus Quinn, Margaret Andrus (Milon's wife), Bina Andrus Olinger - 1910's?

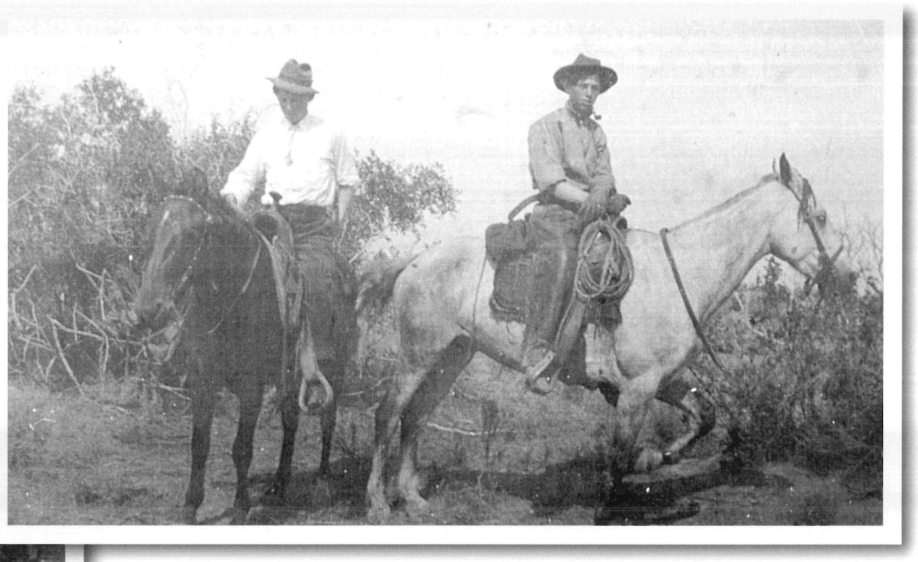
Hauling sugar beets - 1917.




Unknown man in front of Jerry's Place beer parlor; Firth Ward meetings were held in the building's upstairs prior to building the first meeting house. Building in background was Manion Store and later the upstairs was the Crystal Maize Dance Hall - about 1910's.

About 1913, Nels Fred Nelson Family. . . Back Row: Mary Ann (Firth) Nelson, Harry, Middle Row: Nels Fred Nelson, Bill, Oscar, Bottom Row: Tom and C. Fred, Not pictured: Dorcas not born yet.

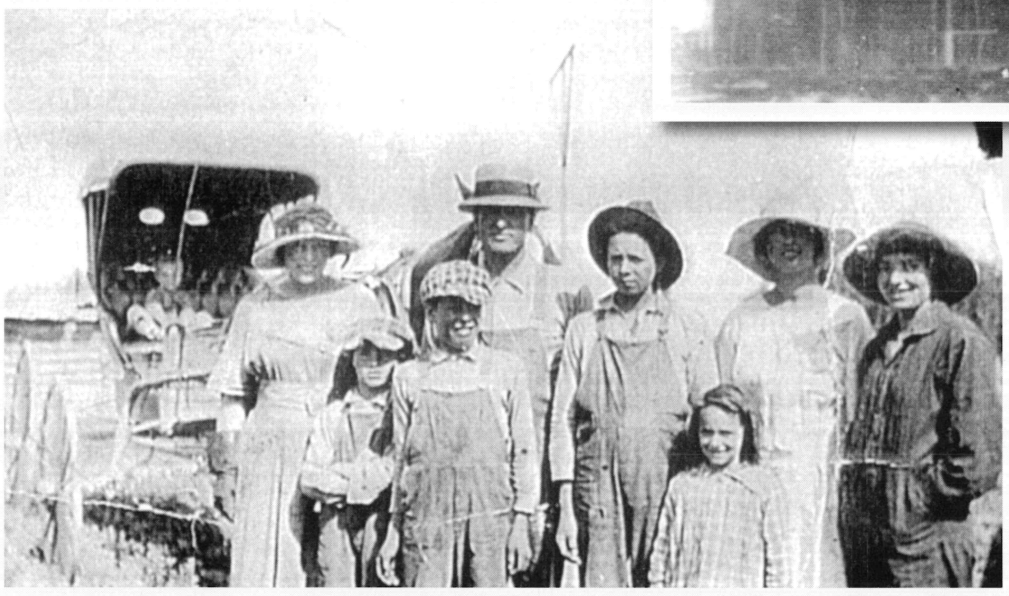
Large brick home built by William M. Dye in early 1900's. Pictured are Julia A. Dye and daughters, Marie (age 5) and Ada.



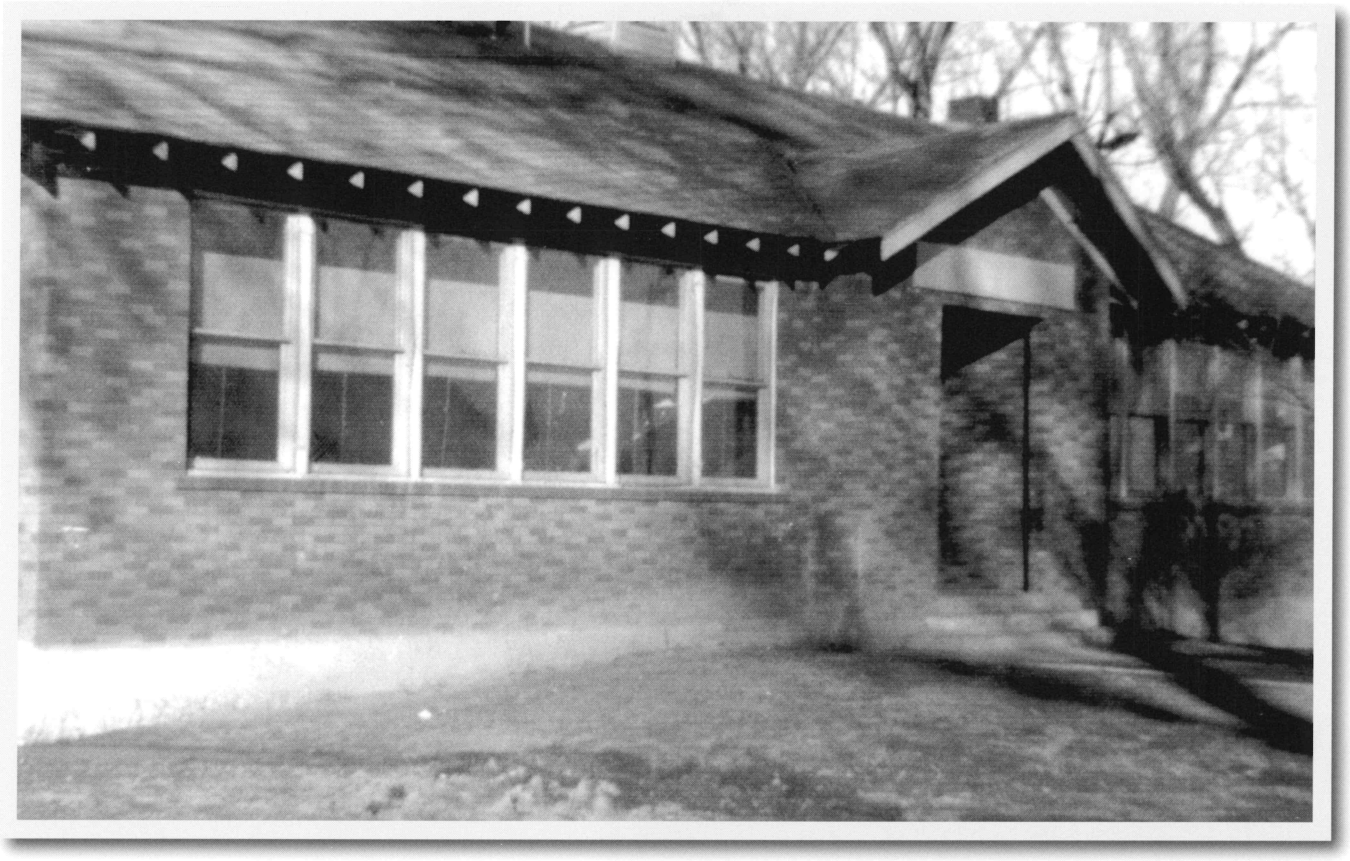
Only living son of Lorenzo and Dorcas Firth, Thomas and his friend Martin Mattson - 1912.

Verda and Melba Dye - 1919.

Willard born here - July 1904. 2nd house built by William M. Dye in Firth.



Hyrum Crofts family; front row L to R: Afton, Jack, Fama; back row L to R: Blanche Crofts Mecham, Hyrum T. Crofts, Hyrum P., Jessie Crofts Kiholm, Letha Crofts Munsee, and Wayne Crofts in back, sitting in the buggy - about 1910's.



Firth Grade School - built about 1915.

CERTIFICATE OF Award

This Certifies that Warren Dye

of School District No. 45, is awarded this Certificate for being

NEITHER TARDY NOR ABSENT

from School during the term of 4 months, ending Dec 23, 1914.

M Blackhart
Teacher

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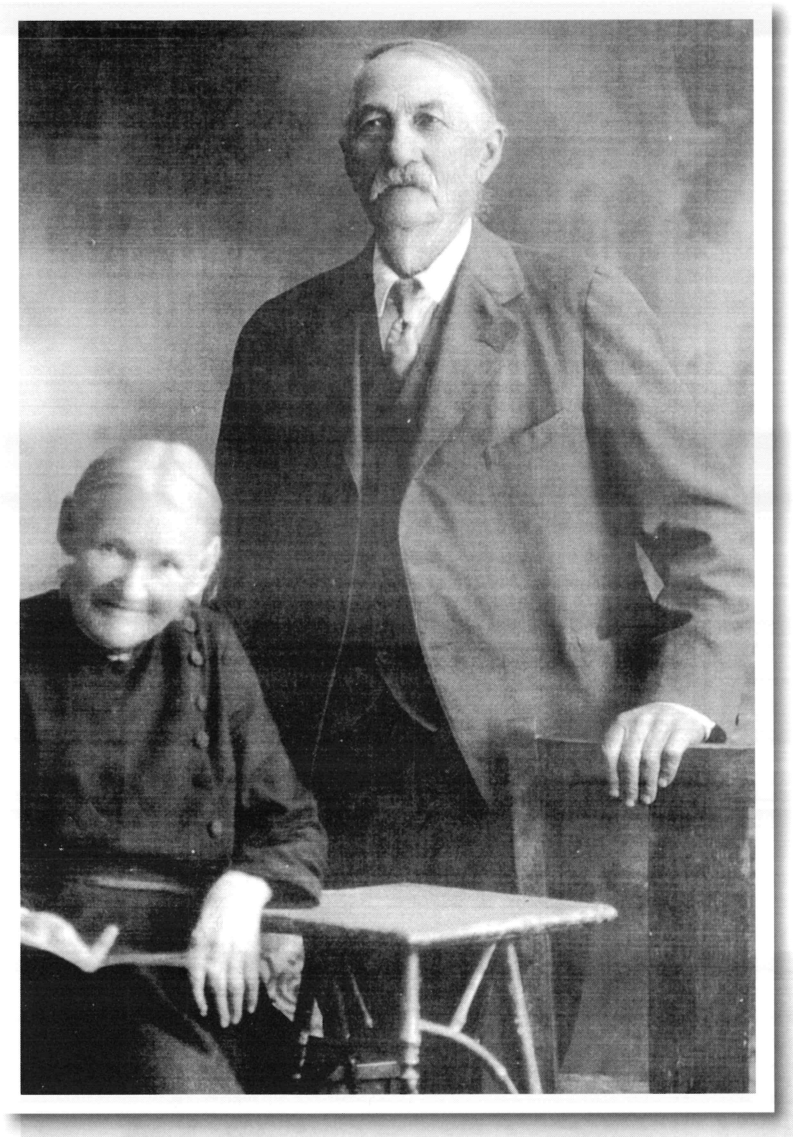
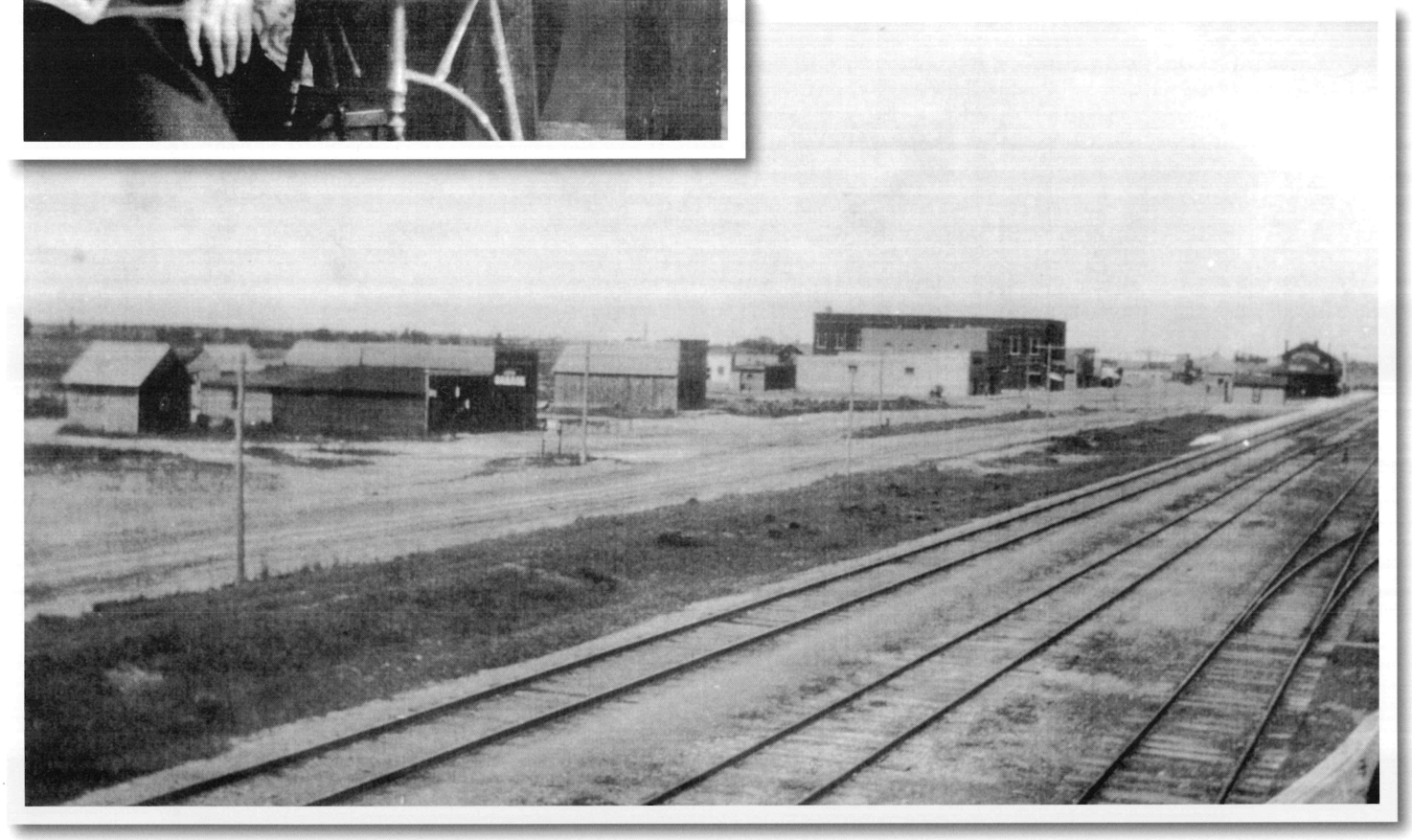
School Certificate of Award to Warren Dye, being neither tardy nor absent - Dec. 1914.



Ingrid Petronelli and Gustavus Nelson - about 1919.



Firth 1918.

# 1920'S

Firth Depot, built in the early 1920's.

**November 2, 1920**
First radio broadcast; Warren G. Harding elected President; first U.S. election in which women can vote.

**1923**
Chevrolet introduces the first air-cooled automobile; Frigidaire introduces the first electric icebox.

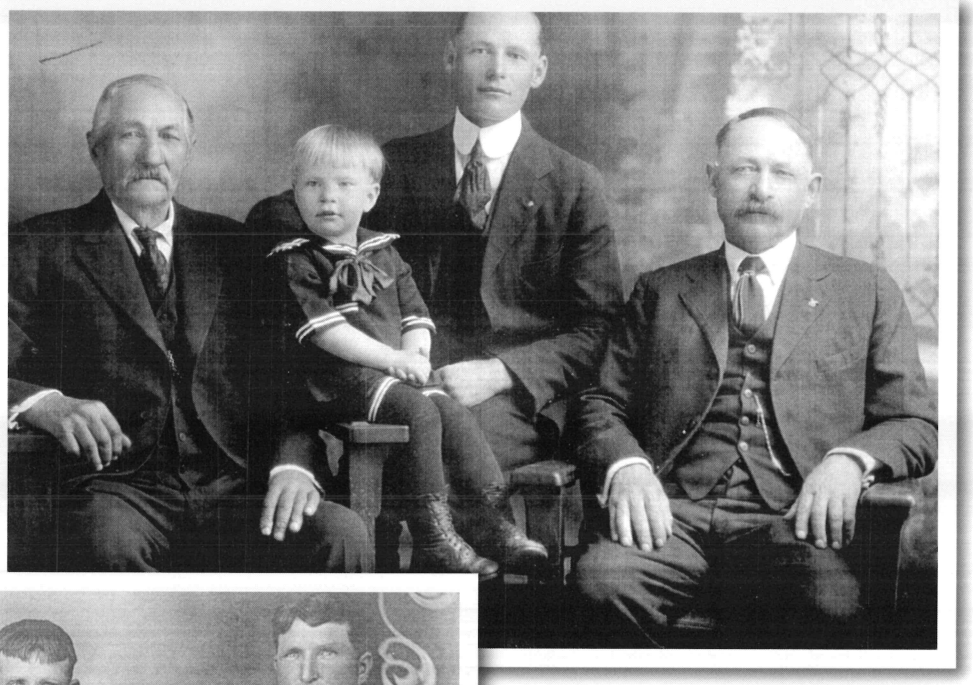
**October 2, 1925**
Scottish inventor John Logie Baird becomes the first person to transmit live moving images to a remote receiver, the first form of television.

**December 2, 1927**
Ford's Model A introduced.

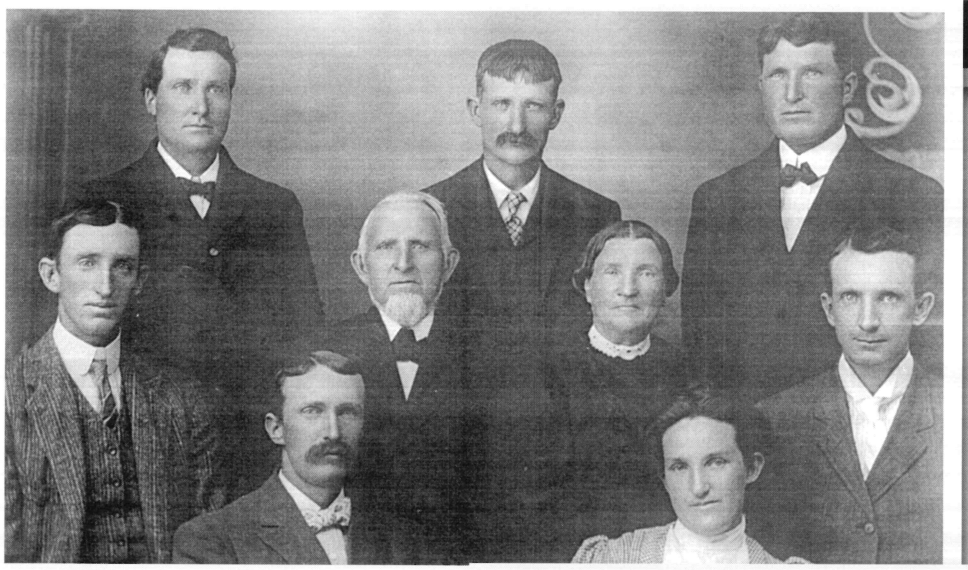
**1928**
Automobiles now offer radios as optional feature; debut of radio show Amos 'n' Andy.

**November 6, 1928**
Herbert Hoover elected President.

**1929**
Herbert Hoover becomes President; stock market crash begins October 24; investors call October 29, "Black Tuesday".

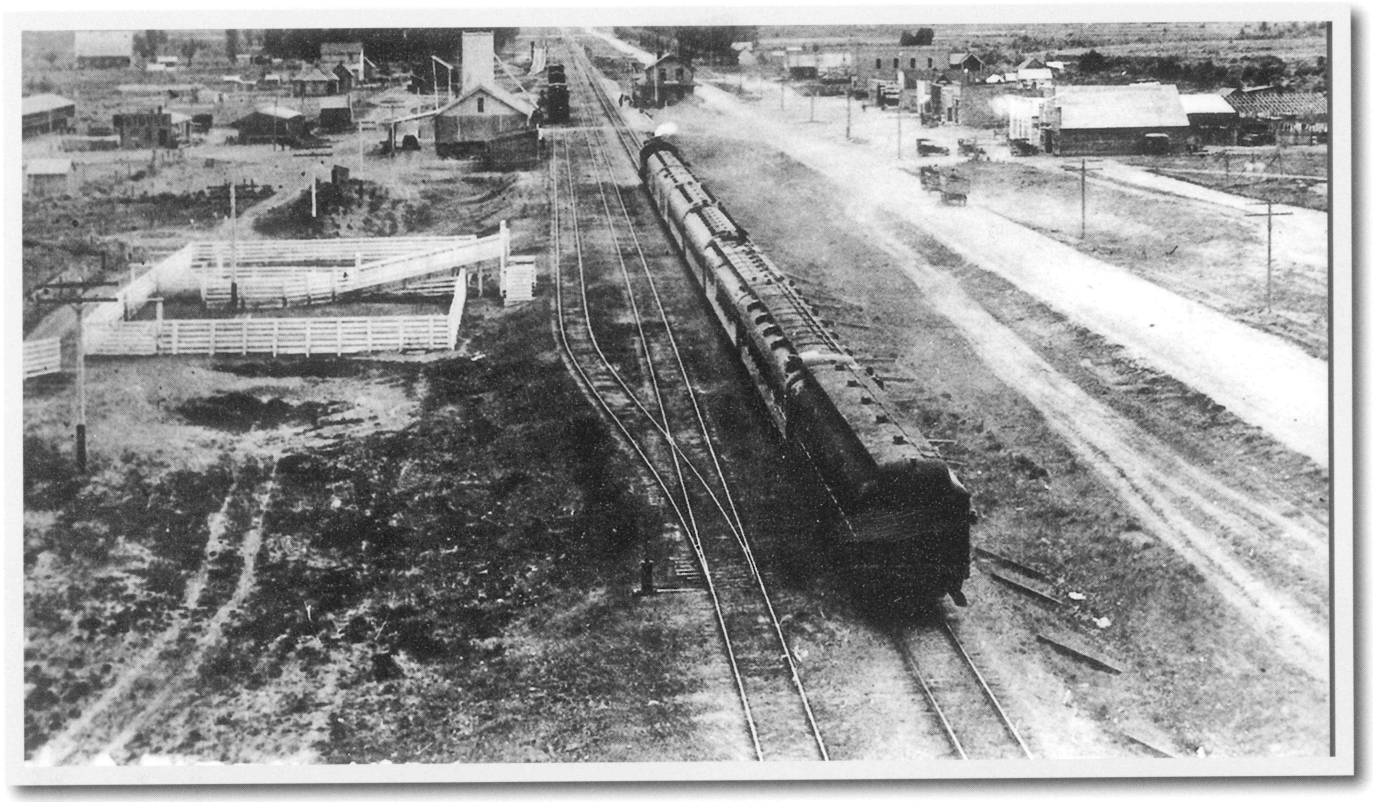


Four Generations: L to R, Gustavus Nelson, Duane, (child, son of Oscar Nelson), Oscar (son of Nels Fred and Mary Firth Nelson) Nels Fred Nelson, (son of Gustavus and Ingrid Nelson). 1920's.



Richard Dye family; Back row L to R: Joseph Henry, Richard Thomas, William Malden, 2nd row L to R: Walter Ernest, Richard, Mary Malden Peck, Samuel Gower, front row L to R: James, Sarah Gower - 1920's?

Joseph and Nellie Dye family; Back row L to R: Ida, Mary, Alma, Warren, Alice; Front row L to R: Rachel, Nellie, Lynn, Joseph, Florence, Arvella - 1923.



Firth stockyards looking south - early 1920's

Old slaughter house on banks of Snake River north of Firth with some of the remaining corrals. A Dr. Roberts owned this property and in 1929 it was bought by Chris Kontes. The operation was closed some time around 1935 - photo taken June 1976.

Corgatella Building.

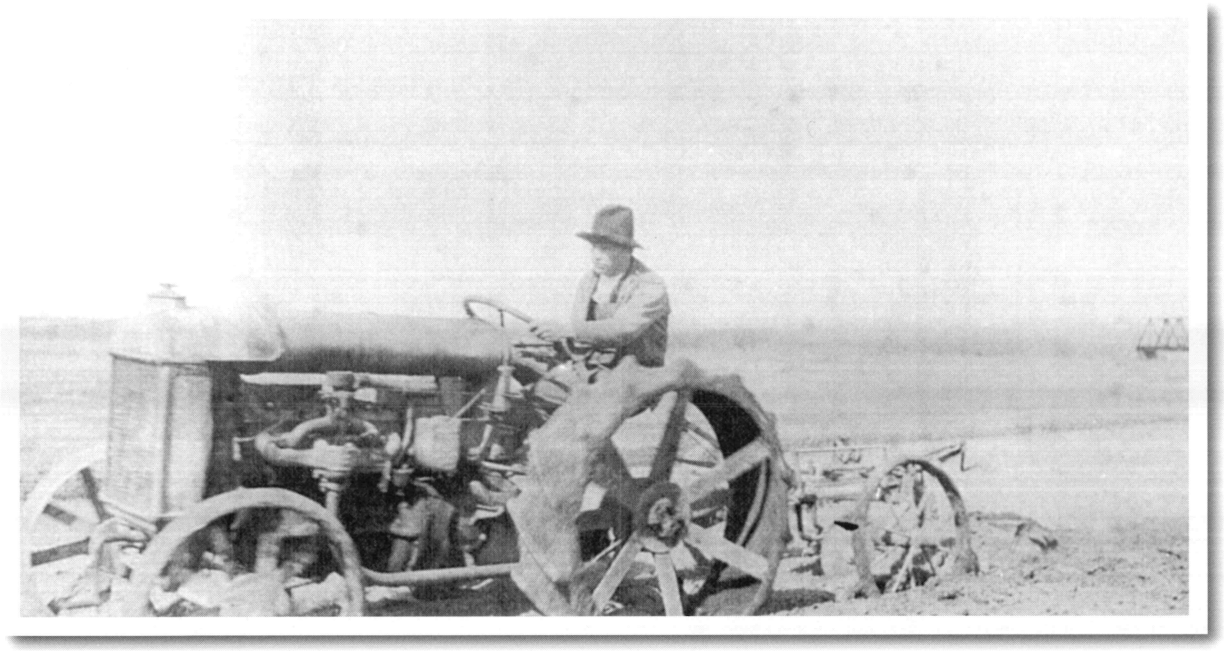
Town fire in back of the O.L. Andrus Co. building, near the Lumber Yard - early 1920's.

Wiklund baying crew - 1920.

Hauling spuds to market - 1920's.

Adolph Casper, Binder and horses - 1920's.

1920's Threshing Crew.



Old Fordson Tractor - 1920's.

Boyle Slayton HDWE, Co., Firth - 1920's. L to R: Slayton and Earl Rogers.

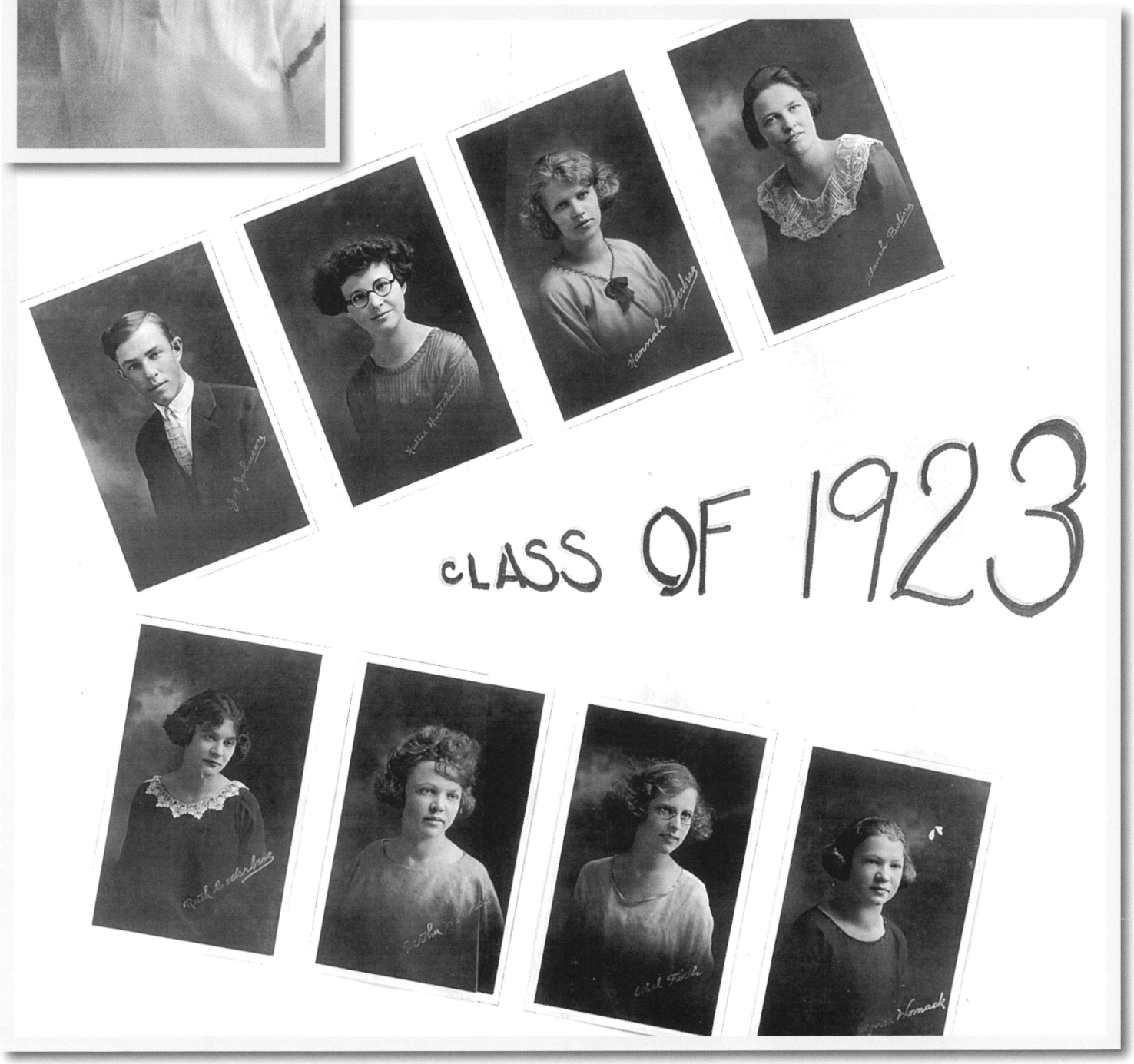
Ila Johnson Dye (Barber's 1st wife), Eva Dye, Ruth Christensen Dye, Marie Dye in front of the William Dye home - 1925.

Walter and Nellie Dye children, Edna, Emma, Sarah and Myron - 1920's.

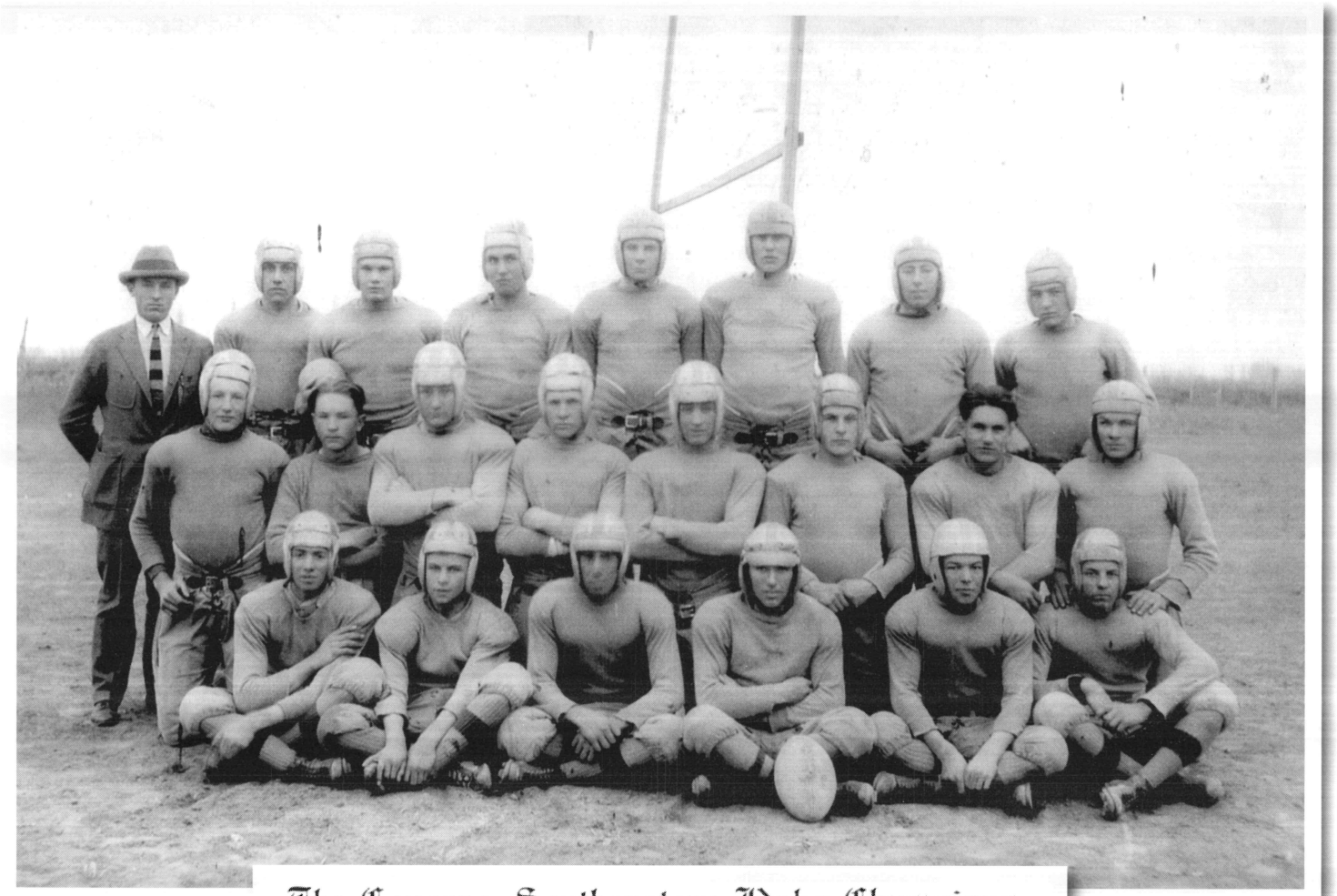
Inside the Dye Merc Malden and Warren Dye standing at the right, all others in the photo are unknown - 1920's?

Earl Warren standing inside his Drug Store - December 1927.

Agnes Womack was in the first graduation class of Firth, 1923. She became a teacher. On April 28, 2005, she turned 100 years old.




First Graduation Class of Firth High School, L to R top: Joe Johnson, Hattie Hutchinson, Hannah Cederberg, Blanch Bolina, Ruth Cederberg, Bertha Womack, Ethel Firth, Agnes Womack - 1923.



## The Cougars, Southeastern Idaho Champions

TOP ROW: Coach Williams; W. Dye, G.; Cap. T. Jensen, Q. B.; J. Berg, R. H.; B. Coon, C.; G. Christensen, C; G. Savage, F. B.; J. Wernette, L. E.
SECOND ROW: A. Brewington, L. T.; T. Lockyer, F. B.; P. Brewington, R. E.; S. Dye, R. T.; D. Lockyer, R. G.; C. Hansen, R. G.; R. Jensen, F. B.; B. Young, L. H.
THIRD ROW: H. Croft, L. E.; D. Young, R. H.; J. Croft, L. E.; A. Frandsen, F. B.; M. Fisher, R. E.; C. Helm, L. H.; Ray Johnson.

### THE 1924 FOOTBALL SEASON.

AT THE call of Coach Williams, some twenty-five huskies reported for training. A greater portion of the men were inexperienced in handling the "pig skin", and the fighting aggregation, turned out by Jack Williams, stands well as a pillar, to the splendid and "peppy" work of the Coach.

The "Big Gray Boys" began the season with determination to put Firth on the Football map. This, beyond a doubt, was accomplished by the grit and fighting spirit of every member of the squad.

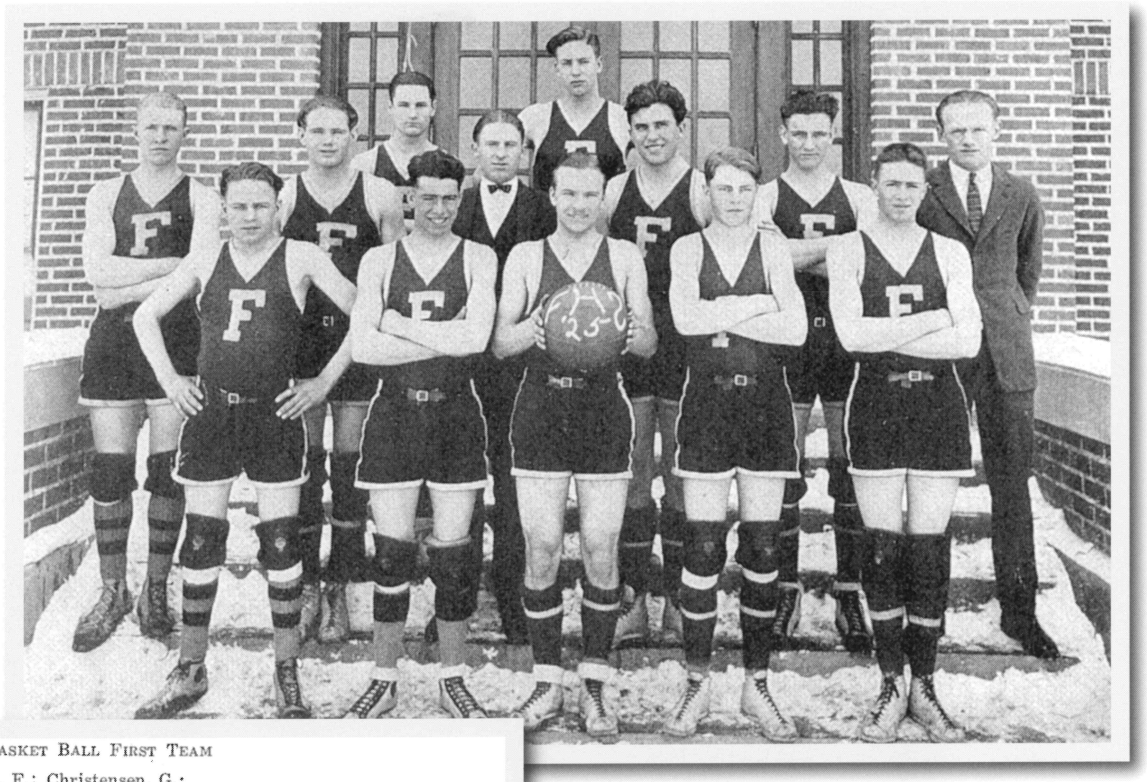
Nineteen twenty-five will see F. H. S. back in gridiron togs, with fourteen of this year's letter men ready for action.

Firth High will make another bid for State honors.

### SUMMARY OF THE SEASON.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| F.H.S. | 58 | Shelley | 0 |
| F.H.S. | 19 | Blackfoot | 0 |
| F.H.S. | 45 | Aberdeen | 7 |
| F.H.S. | 77 | Shelley | 0 |
| F.H.S. | 53 | American Falls | 0 |
| F.H.S. | 6 | Pocatello | 6 |
| F.H.S. | 13 | Pocatello | 6 |
| F.H.S. | 6 | Twin Falls | 27 |
| F.H.S. | 277 | | 46 |

Southeastern Idaho Football Champions - 1924.



BASKET BALL FIRST TEAM

FIRST ROW: Woodruff, F.; Christensen, G.;
SECOND ROW: Dye, S.; Jensen, T.; Williams, Coach; Berg, J.; Brewington, P.; Lydum, Assistant Coach.
THIRD ROW: Young, D.; Crofts, P.; Young, Captain; Berg, C.; Crofts, H.

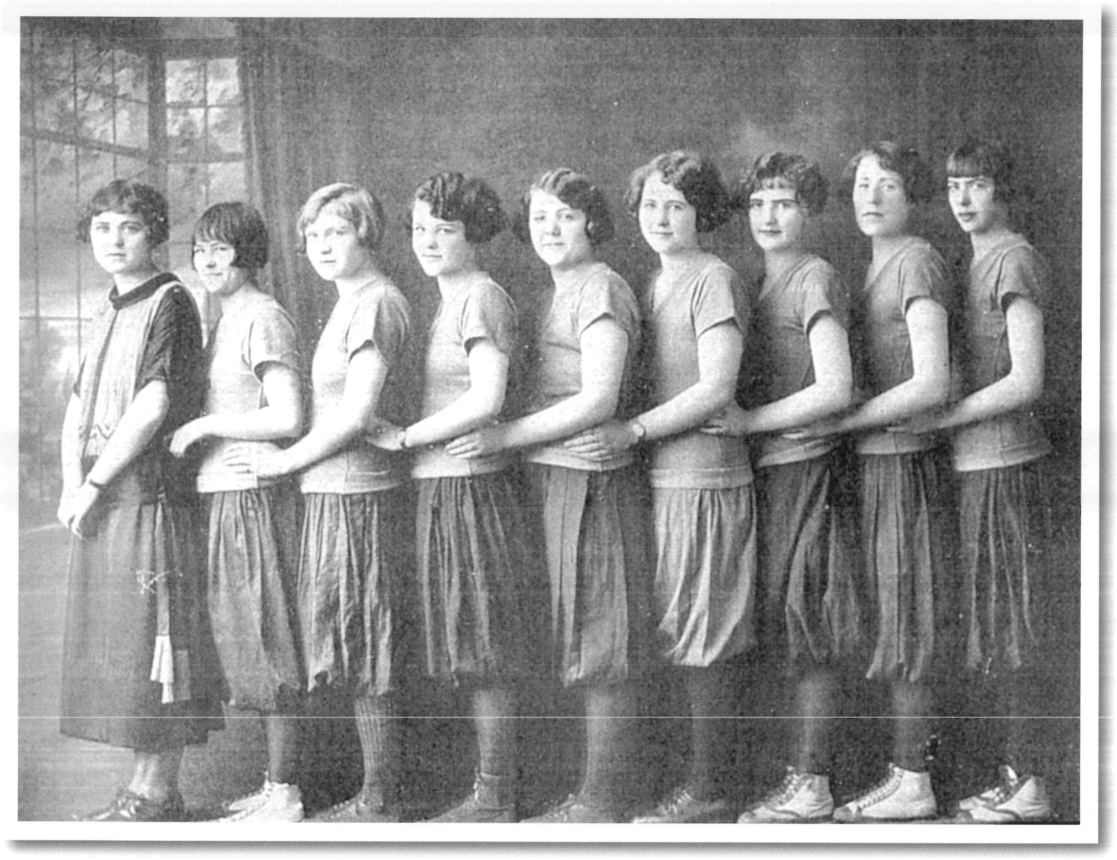
## Basketball Season 1924-25

AT the beginning of the Basket Ball season, several of the men were unable to begin practice, because of injuries received in Football. A few practice games were played before the Conference games began. Of the Conference games played, only two were lost, which gave Firth second place in the District, and entitled them to compete in the Tournament.

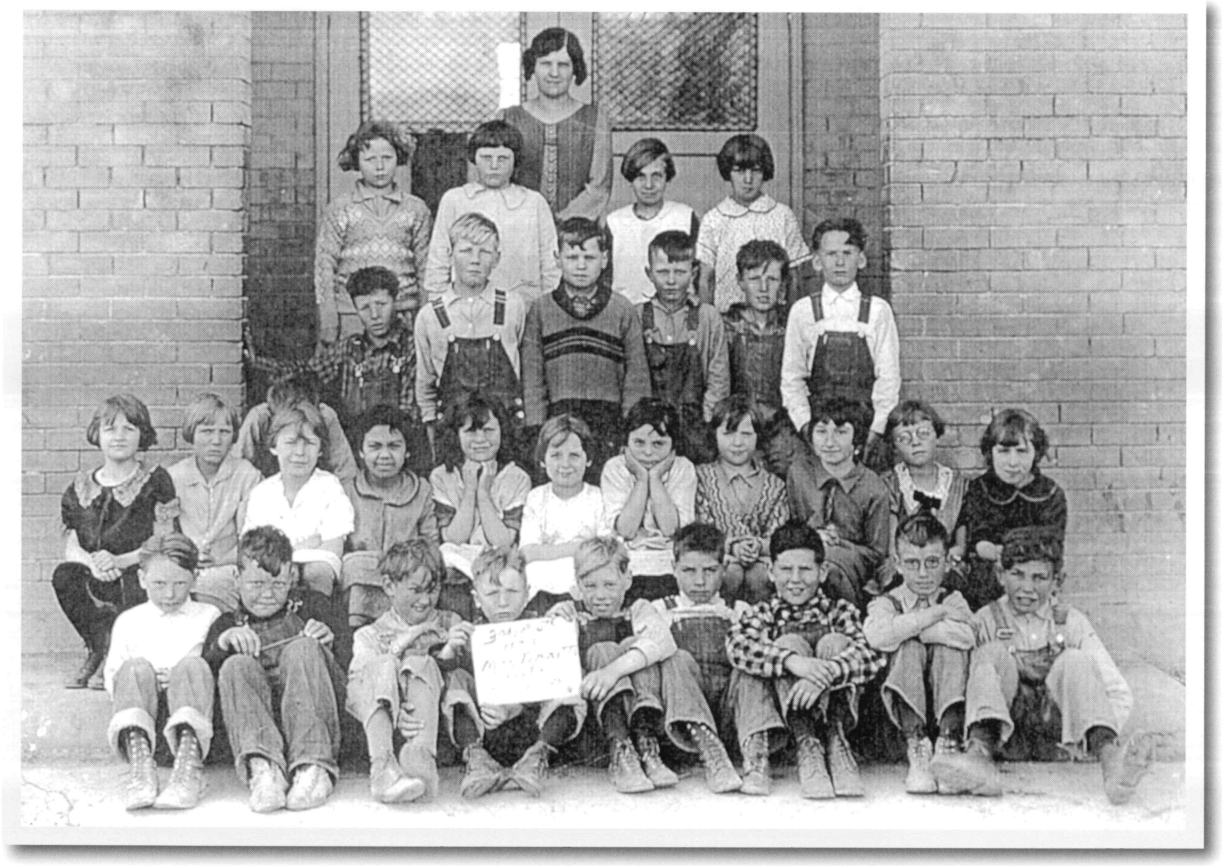
The Tournament was held at Pocatello March 5th, 6th and 7th, eight teams competing for Southeastern Idaho Championship. Firth played five games during the three days of the Tournament, of which two were won and three lost.

Good fellowship and sportsmanship were shown by the Firth "Hoopsters," throughout the whole season. They were a team that any High School might be proud of.

1924 Football Championship Team at class reunion 1970's?



Girls Basketball Team - L to R: Coach Wheeler, Monson, Womack, Hutchinson, Homer, Gjettrup, Ruemke, Peterson, Christensen - 1925.



3rd and 4th Grades at Firth Grade School - 1928. Teacher Gertrude Tibbitts.

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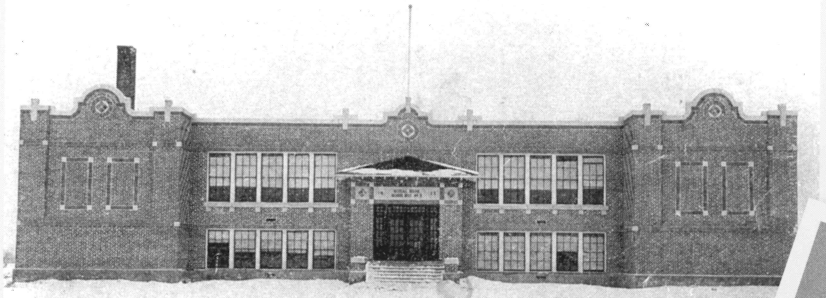

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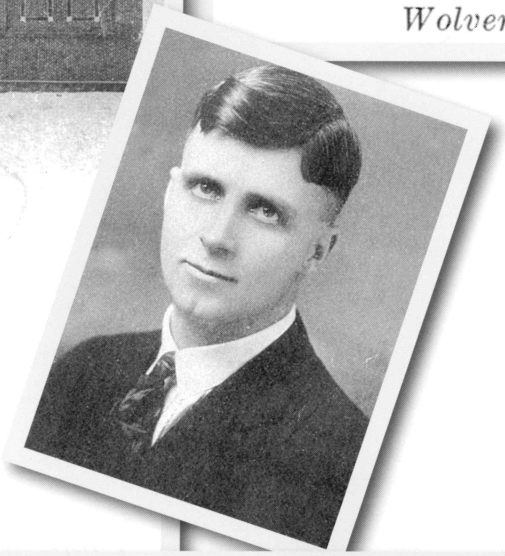
1925 Senior Class of Firth High School
Firth, Idaho

*To*

MR. EARL RAMSEY,

*our Principal, whose whole-hearted devotion to the welfare of the students has made him loved and honored by all, we, the Class of 1925, respectfully dedicate this, the first edition of the Wolverine.*



School Orchestra. At the beginning of the school year of 1923 Firth High School had its first music department under the direction of Mr. Robbins, each year more students enrolled under his leadership 1925.

## *Idaho Champions*

THE SEASON of 1925 saw Firth High School of less than one hundred and seventy-five students, put into the field a football team second to none in the state.

At the call of Coach Williams, some twenty-three men responded, and the work of building our great football machine began. The first five weeks were spent in learning the fundamentals of football, and building plays which later were to bring much glory to our school.

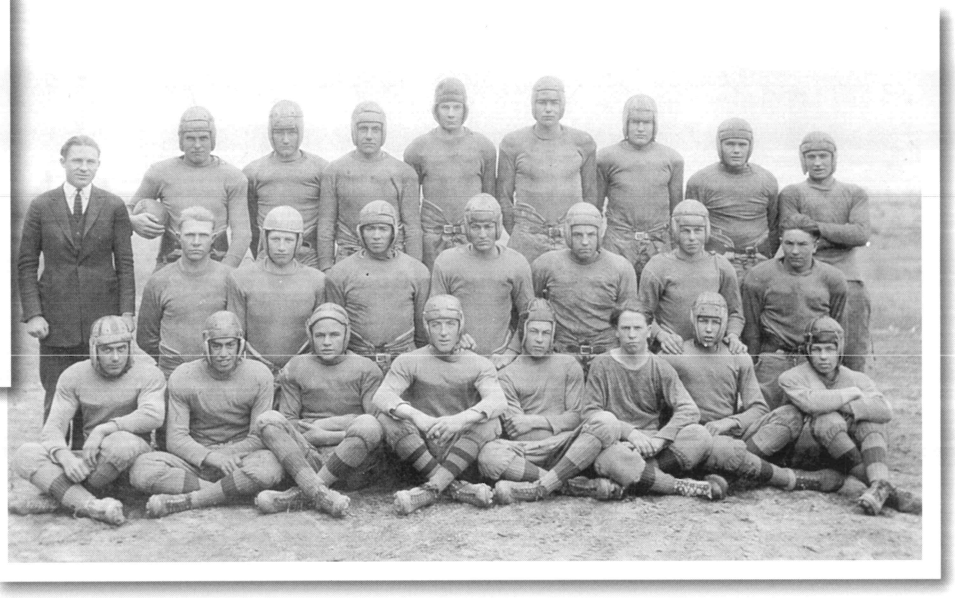
We fought our way victoriously through six successive games, thus becoming competitors with Nampa for the Southern Idaho Championship. This game, played on Thanksgiving day, was won by our team.

We then contended in a very important game with Kellogg. Clarence Helm made a drop kick of 40 yards; every one held their breath. The score was tied 6 to 6. F. H. S. team was given first place in the state and Kellogg second. The evening after the game we were treated to a banquet, taken through the smelter and were guests at a dance that night. The trip home was an enjoyable one. Although some of the boys wanted very much to stay.

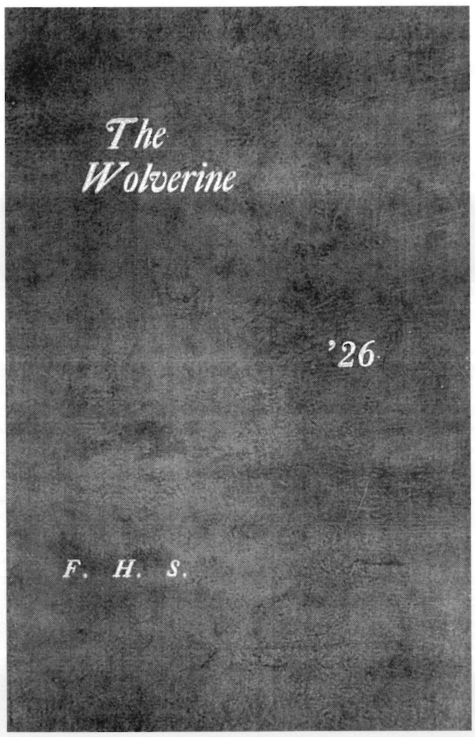
"I wonder what the fascination was?"

FOOTBALL RESULTS

| *Opponents* | *Place* | *F. H. S.* | *Opponents* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Albion N. College | Firth | 0 | 12 |
| Idaho Falls H. S. | Idaho Falls | 18 | 14 |
| St. Anthony H. S. | Firth | 33 | 6 |
| American Falls | American Falls | 20 | 0 |
| Malad | Firth | 27 | 0 |
| Blackfoot | Blackfoot | 69 | 0 |
| Nampa | Blackfoot | 9 | 6 |
| Kellogg | Kellogg | 6 | 6 |
| Total | | 182 | 38 |



Firth High School State Football Champions - 1926.

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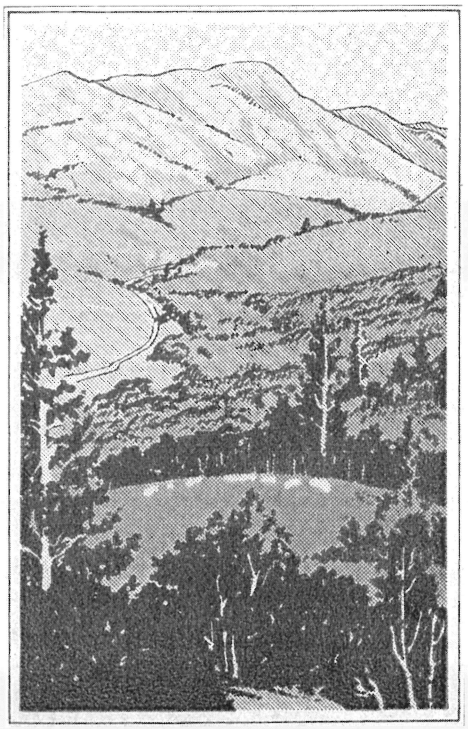

What student of 1926 drew this impressive picture of Wolverine Canyon?????

# The WOLVERINE

VOLUME II.

Coach J. V. Williams

To

## The Football Team and Coach

Who have given freely and unselfishly of their time and abilities in an effort to advance our Firth High School, we the Class of '26, respectfully dedicate the second volume of the "WOLVERINE."

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*1926 Senior Class of Firth High School*

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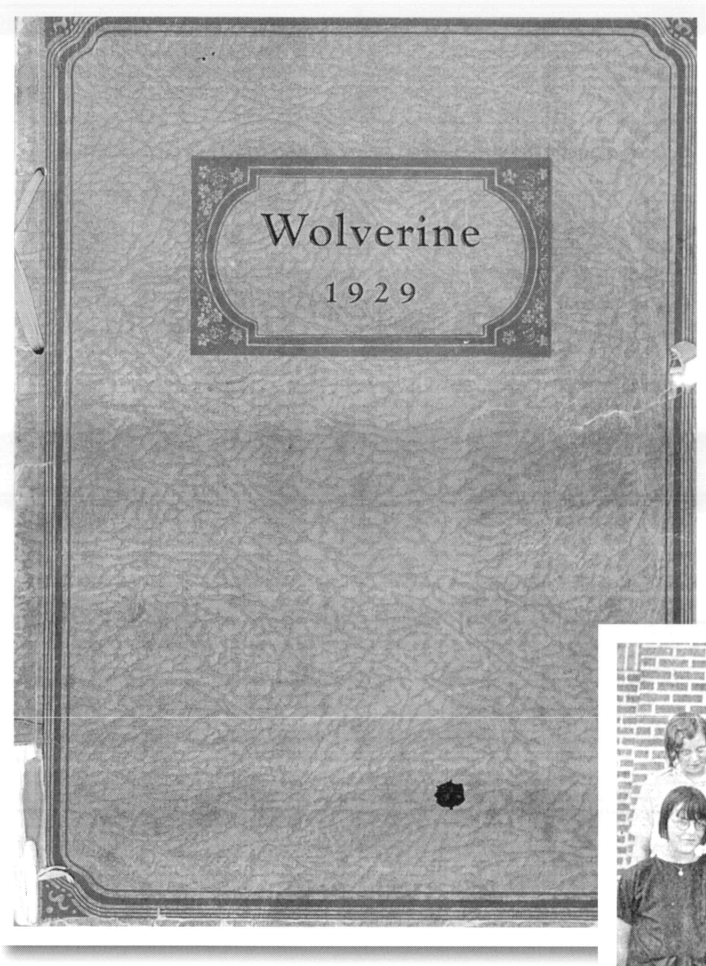

Girls Glee Club - 1929.

Drama, Senior Play under the direction of Mrs. Blomquist - 1927.

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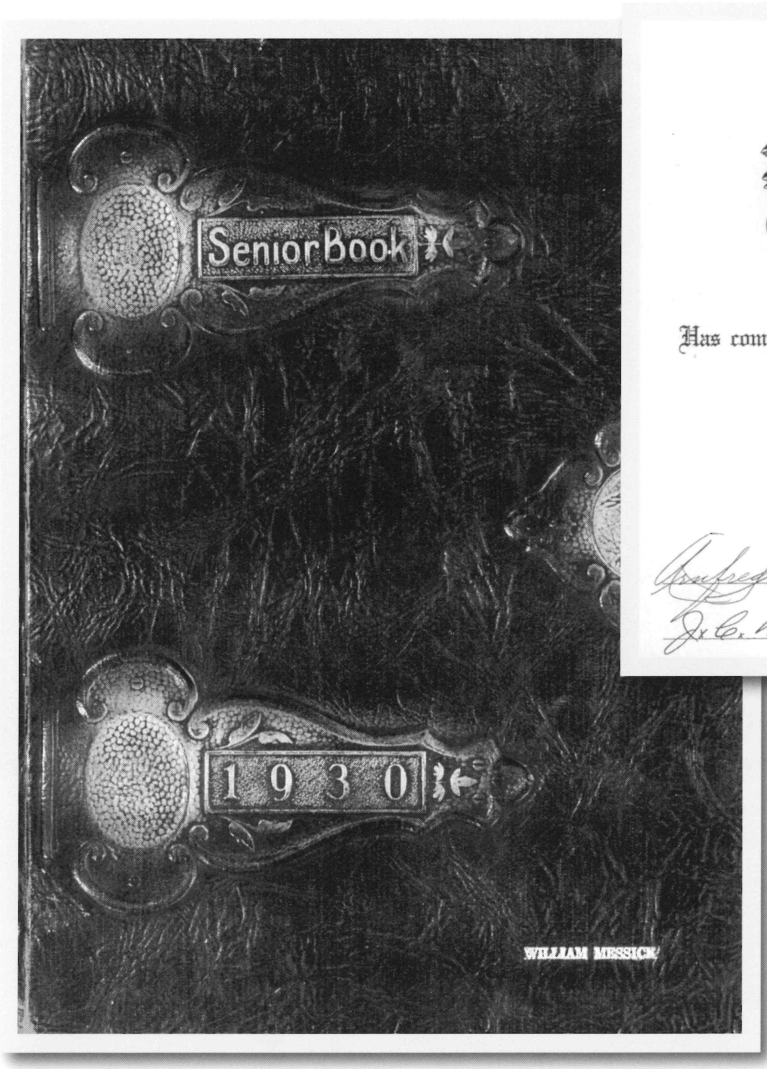
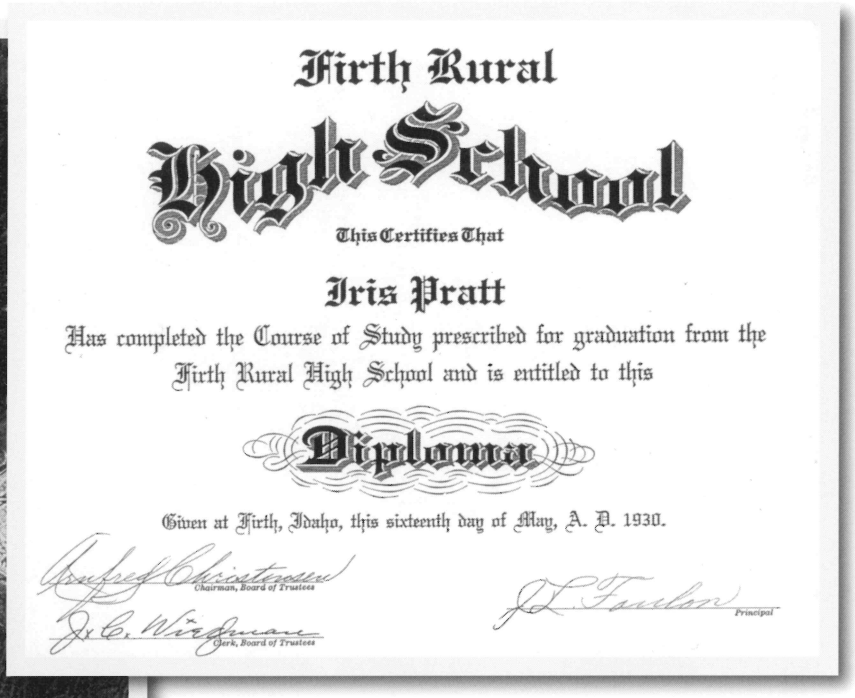
# 1930's



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This Certifies That

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Has completed the Course of Study prescribed for graduation from the Firth Rural High School and is entitled to this

Diploma

Given at Firth, Idaho, this sixteenth day of May, A. D. 1930.

Chairman, Board of Trustees

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Principal

**1930**
The first bank panic occurs; a public run on banks results in a wave of bankruptcies; John Wayne stars in his first western.

**September 1, 1939**
German troops invade Poland; two days later Great Britian, France, Australia, and New zealand declare war on Germany.

**1935**
Miss Marguerite Manion of Firth, Idaho, Rocky Mountain representative at the international encampment of Girl Scouts in Switzerland last year, will be one of the principal speakers at the regional conference of Girl Scouts here May 2 and 3. Miss Manion will show slides of scenes and activities of the conference which she attended in Europe.

**1932**
This and the next year are the worst years of the Great Depression; since 1930, industrial stocks have lost 80 percent of their value, 10,000 banks have failed since 1929, over 13 million Americans have lost their jobs since 1929, and farm prices have fallen 53 percent since 1929. Popular opinion considers Hoover's measures too little too late; Franklin Roosevelt easily defeats Hoover in the fall election and Democrats win control of Congress; newly elected Roosevelt pledges a New Deal for the American people. Al Capone is jailed for tax evasion; infant son of Charles Lindbergh is kidnapped and murdered; Jack Benny starts his radio career.

Senior Ball held at Wandamere Dance Hall, south of Idaho Falls - 1931.

The senior ball, one of the most outstanding formal affairs on the social calendar of this year, was held at Wandamere. Not only most all of the students but many town people as well, enjoyed this impressive function. Programs were suggestive of aeronautics, a non-stop flight keeping everyone dancing to the strains of the melodious music. Patrons and patronesses of the affair were: Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Williams, Mrs. F.E. Shockey, Mr. and Mrs. H. Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Nelson.

During intermission, exhibitions of tap dancing, and popular dance numbers, were presented for the approval of the guests.

Eleanor Williams acted as general chairman of the ball. The other committeemen were Erma Hutchinson, LeMaun Berg, and Edwin Larsen.

Firth Football Team L to R front row: R. Hansen, W. Kendall, B. Andrus, W. Miles, G. Taylor, E. Jorgensen, L. Berg
Back row: A. Morgan coach, J. Lockyer, R. Larson, E. Lords, R. Brewington, W. Manion, R. Berg - 1930.

State of Idaho
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

I, C. BEN ROSS, Governor of Idaho, do hereby appoint

FRANK HANNY

of

FIRTH, IDAHO

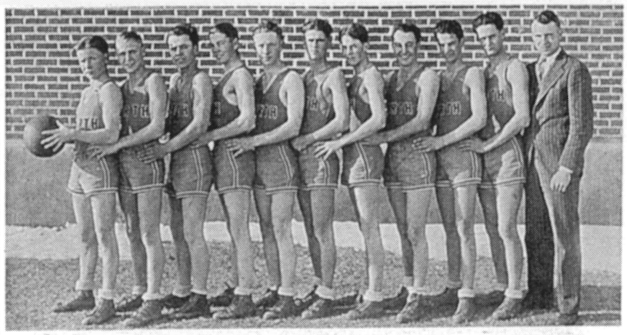
a Commissioner of the GOSHEN-BASALT-FIRTH (District #5) Cemetery Maintenance District, BINGHAM County, Idaho, for a term commencing from the date of his qualification and continuing until the next cemetery district election.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Idaho to be affixed.

Done at Boise, the capital of Idaho, this tenth day of October, 19 54

By the Governor:

Attest: Franklin Girard
Secretary of State.



CY YOUNG, *Forward*
GORDON PRICE, *Guard*
IRVIN FRANDSEN, *Guard*
ROSS BERG, *Forward*
EDWIN LARSEN, *Guard*
LAWRENCE LYON, *Forward*
LeMAUN BERG, *Forward*
ELMER LORDS, *Center*
DENNIS CHRISTENSEN, *Guard*
DOYLE LANDON, *Center*
COACH PRICE

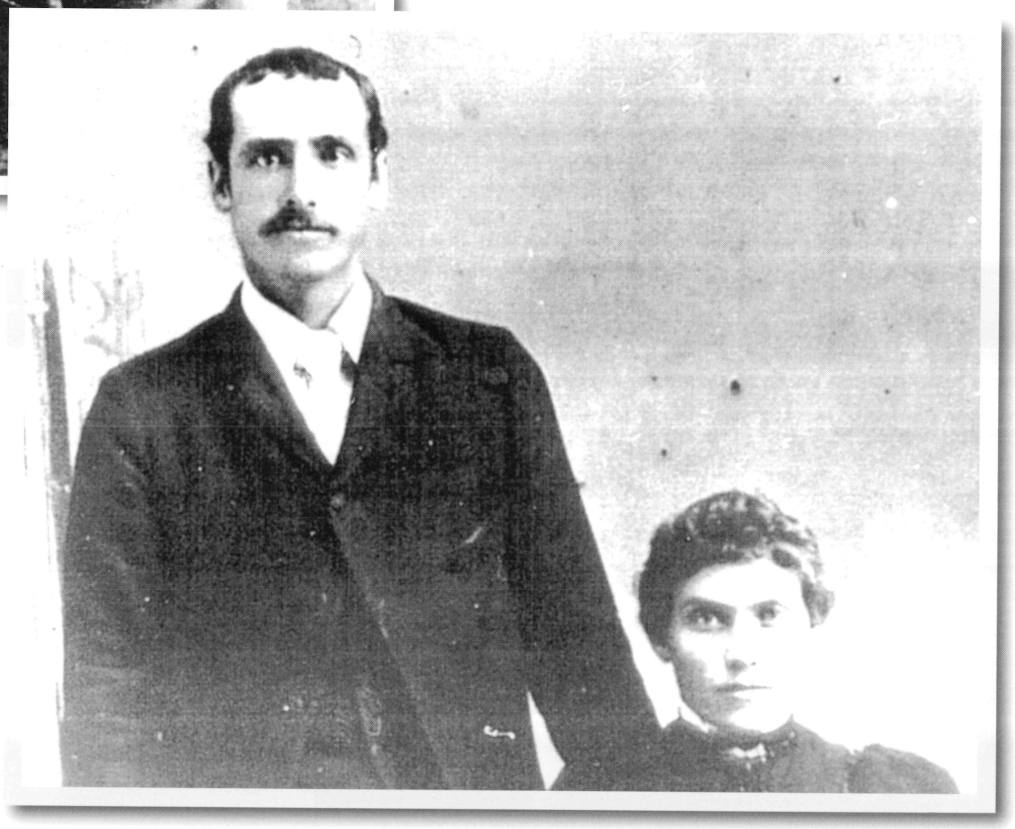
## BOYS' BASKETBALL

FROM a group of inexperienced men, Coach Price built up a team that placed third at the Sub-District Tournament at Blackfoot. Firth High School should be well represented on the basketball court next year, since it loses only two of its players.

SCHEDULE

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Firth Town Team | 48 | Firth | 30 |
| Shelley | 19 | Firth | 15 |
| Challis | 20 | Firth | 22 |
| American Falls | 35 | Firth | 23 |
| Blackfoot | 23 | Firth | 18 |
| Thomas | 19 | Firth | 17 |
| American Falls | 41 | Firth | 27 |
| Blackfoot | 25 | Firth | 19 |
| Thomas | 14 | Firth | 18 |
| Aberdeen | 13 | Firth | 33 |
| Shelley | 27 | Firth | 12 |
| Aberdeen | 16 | Firth | 19 |
| Moreland | 38 | Firth | 30 |
| Moreland | 33 | Firth | 12 |
| Arco | 25 | Firth | 16 |

Lottie Crofts, holding grandson, with son, Wayne, and grandson, Douglas Hansen - 1935. Known for her beautiful flower gardens, aka "The Flower Lady".



Hyrum Thomas Crofts and Charlotte (Lottie) Pasket Crofts - 1893.

Four Generations - 1930's (Top) Mary Maldon Peek, L to R Mary Webb, Van Webb, Joseph Dye.

Edward and Mary Webb Family, Top. L to R: Van, Robert, Edward, Francis, Jonathan... LaRoy. Mary, Edward, Maurine, LaRee -1930

Walter and Nellie Dye family - back row L to R: Edna, Verda, Myron, Ethel, Sarah, front row L to R: Emma, Melba, Sarah Mary Ellen (Nellie) mother, Walter Ernest (father), Vera - 1930's.

Walt and Nellie - 1930's

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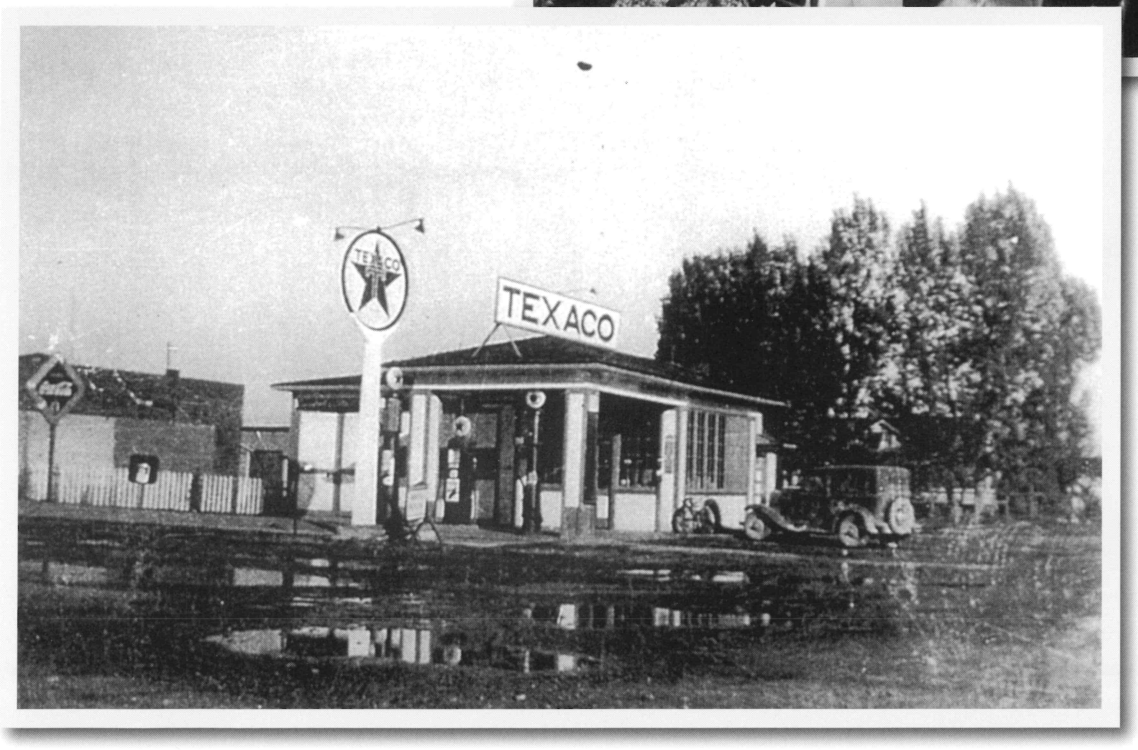
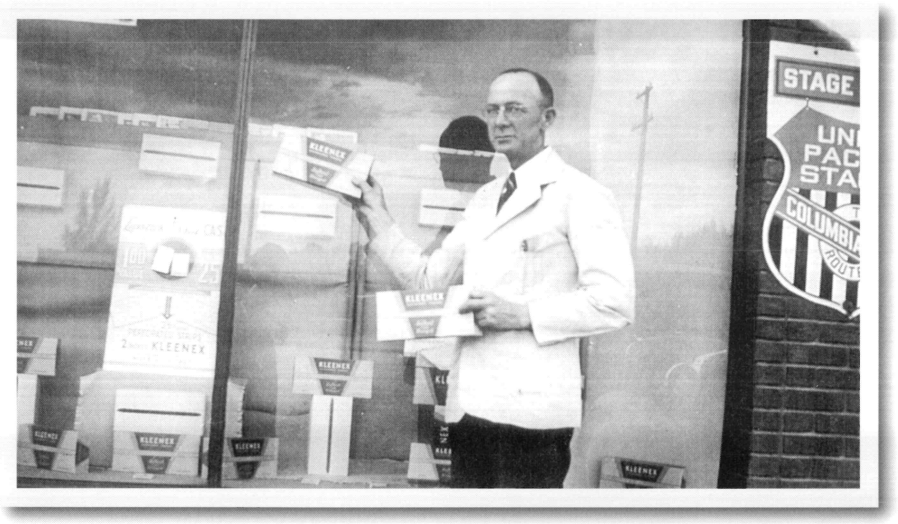
Firth Cigar Store owned by Grant Collet - 1933

Robert Warren, with Grant Collett and dog, King, in back of Collett's, in front of a threshing machine - 1930's.



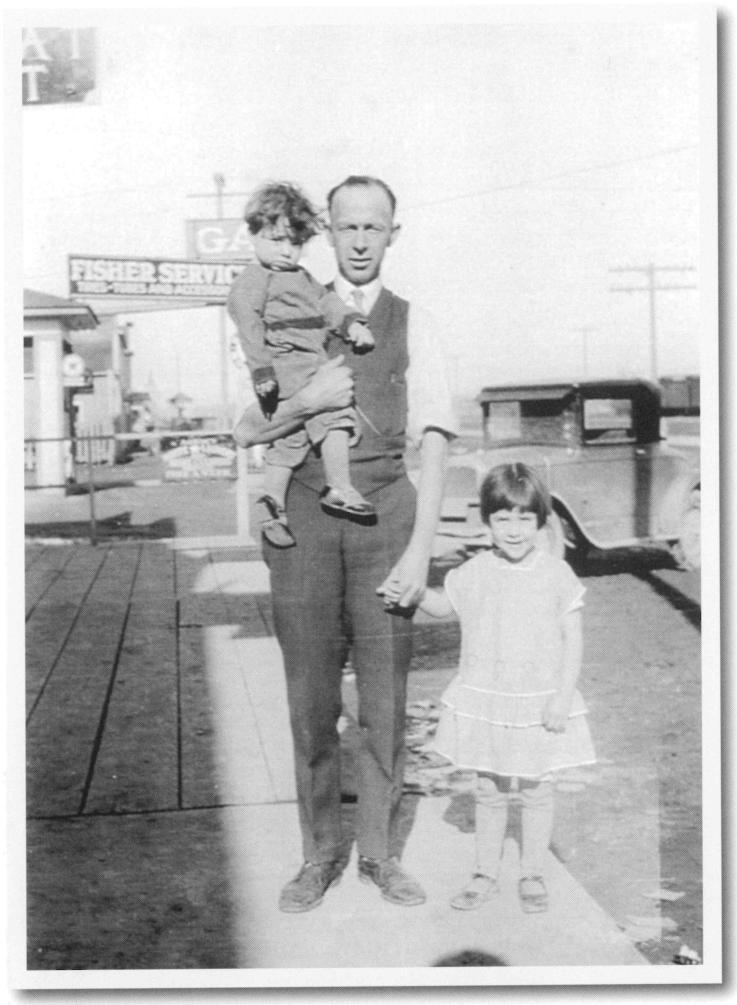

Firth's Texaco Service Station - 1930's




Earl Warren, standing in front of the Drug Store, showing one of the first Kleenex boxes he received to sell in his store - 1930's.

Ed Manion Grocery Store - 1930's.

Our hats off this month to Commission Agents Earl and Mrs. Warren of Firth, Idaho. The Warrens came to Firth in 1927, and were first agents for Royal Coach Transit, then on down the line from the Bee Hive Stages to the Union Pacific Stages and now, Overland Greyhound, They were the first commissioned agency appointed north of Pocatello and have been there continuously ever since. Earl runs the Firth Drug Store and is very active in community affairs, being City Treasurer and on the School Board. - 1947.




Earl Warren, holding son, Bob, with daughter, Bertie May, standing in front of Warren Drug, note the boardwalk, with Fisher Service Station in background - 1930.

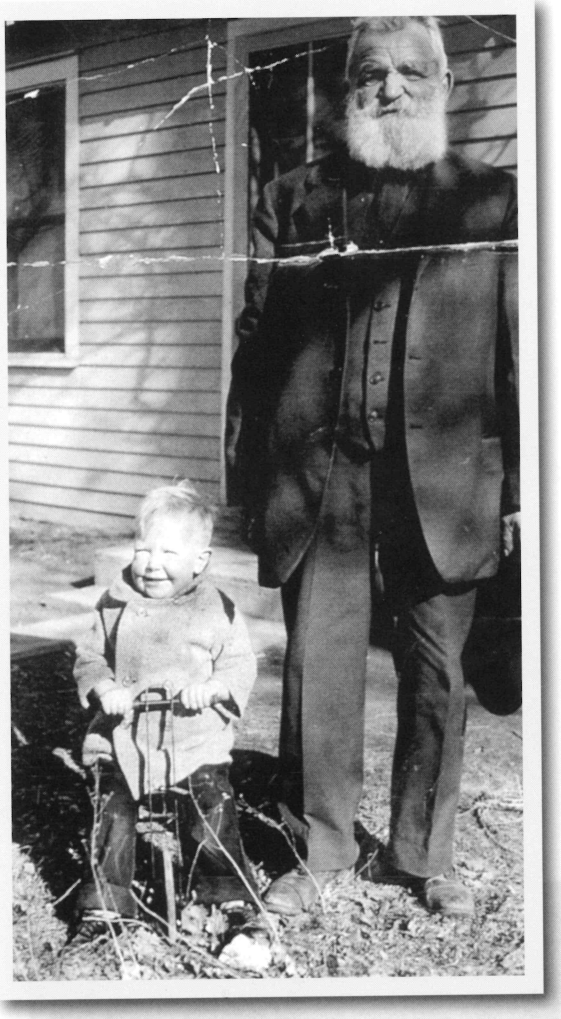
Lulu Warren showing off the big fish catch of the day, in front of Warren Drug 1930's.

Warren Drug and Gift Shop sign on the side of the store - 1940's.

Bertie May and Earl Warren inside Warren Drug Store - 1935.

Bob Warren, in front of the Warren Drug, with the cafe and barber shop in the background - early 1930's.

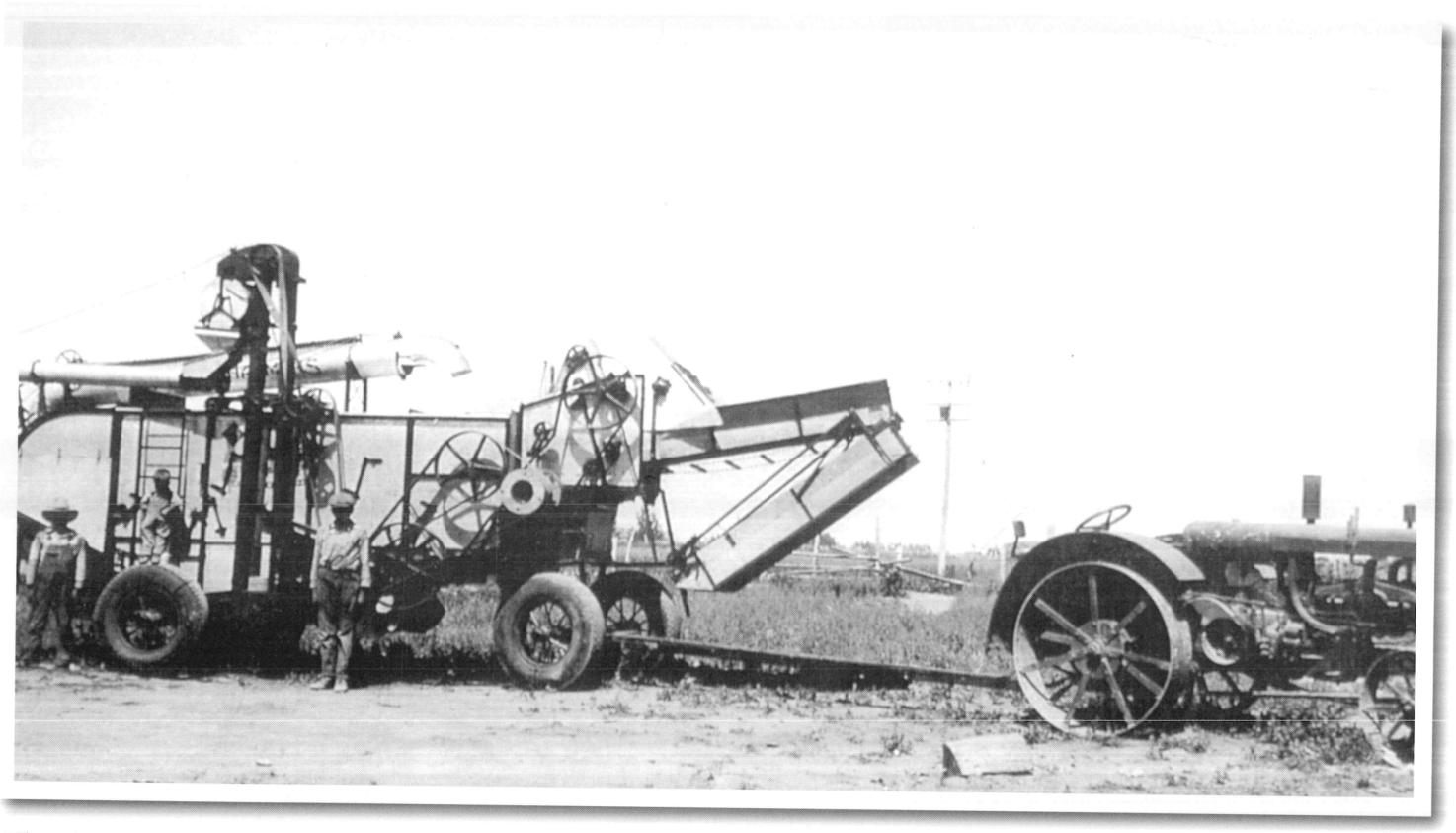
Bertie May Warren, David Hutchinson, with Robert Warren sitting in the wagon, in front of the Hutchinson Cafe and Barber Shop - 1935.



Grandpa Andrew Wiklund
and Grandson Jimmy
- late 1930's.

Elmer and Adline Wiklund
Wedding - Sept. 1938.

Haying time, 1930's, Roscoe Kimball stacker.



Threshing Machine - 1930's Owned and operated by Albert F. Hanny

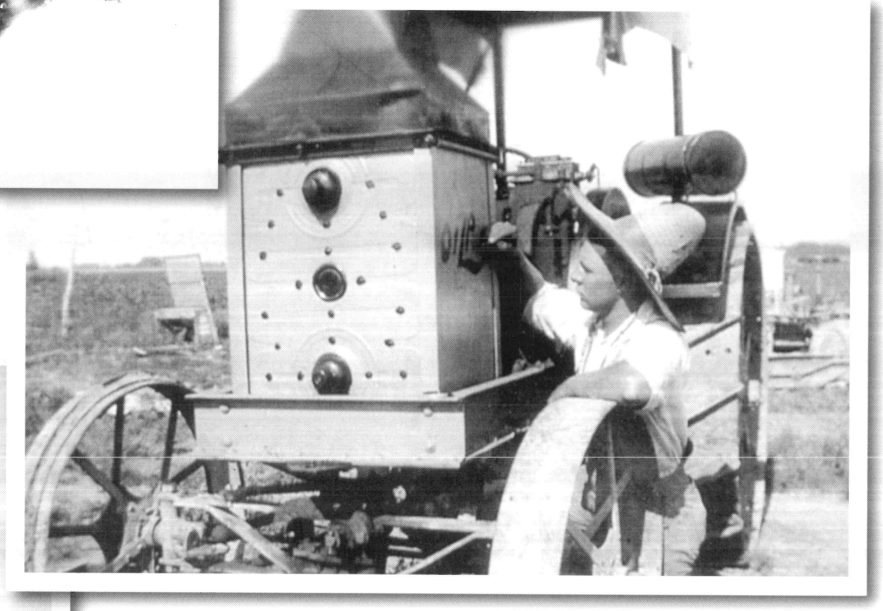
Cowboy, Bob Warren, standing near the Texaco Service Station - 1935.

# THE COUGAR

## 1936

## FIRTH HIGH SCHOOL

Winter dog sled races in Firth - about 1935.



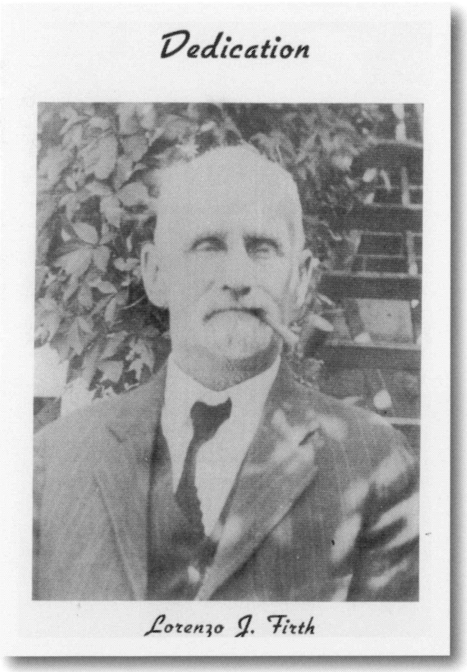
Steam tractor - 1930's - Stanley Dye.

Barber Dye as a milk hauler - 1930's.

Farmers delivering their milk - 1930's.

# 1940's

Firth High School Band in their new uniforms, in front of the High School - 1942. Drum Majorette, Afton Hjelm; Bass Drum, Claire Baird.




To the founder of our community, and to kindred pioneers, we sincerely dedicate the Cougar of 1940.

Dewey Stiles, with Texaco Service and Lumber Yard in background - 1940's.

Firth High School - 1940 "The Foundation of Our Democracy"

**September 16, 1940**
Roosevelt signs the Selective Service Training and Service Act requiring males age twenty and older to register for the military draft.

**November 5, 1940**
Roosevelt is reelected to a third term.

**December 7, 1940**
Japanese attack Pearl Harbor.

**December 8, 1941**
Calling the attack on Pearl Harbor "a date which will live in infamy," Roosevelt asks a joint session of congress to declare war on Japan; Congress approves the declaration.

**December 11, 1941**
Germany and Italy declare war on the United States.

**April 12, 1945**
Roosevelt dies at Warm Springs, Georgia. Vice President Harry S. Truman becomes President.

**April 15-June 26, 1945**
Representatives of fifty nations meet in San Francisco to draft the charter for the United Nations; the document is signed on June 26.

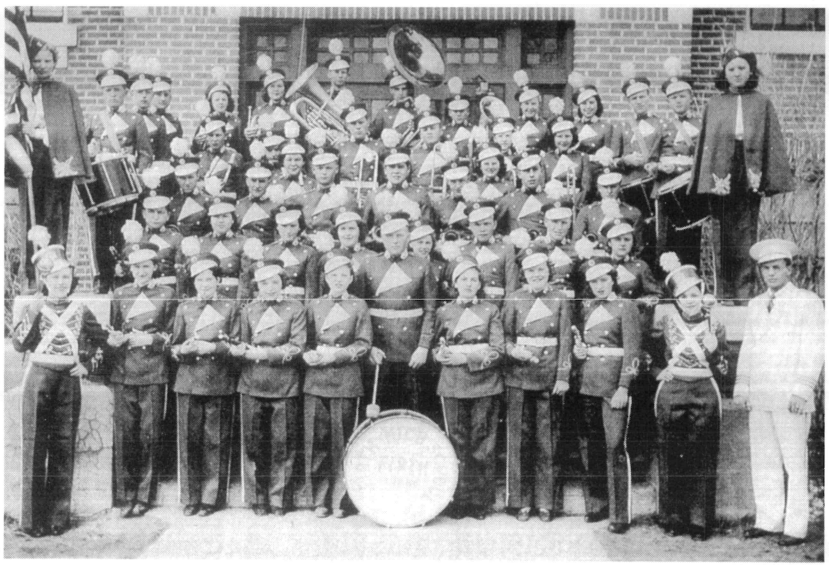
**April 30, 1945**
Adolf Hitler commits suicide.

**May 7, 1945**
Germany surrenders.

**July 16, 1945**
The first atomic bomb is detonated near Alamogordo, New Mexico.

**August 6, 1945**
The Enola Gay, a B-29 bomber, drops an atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

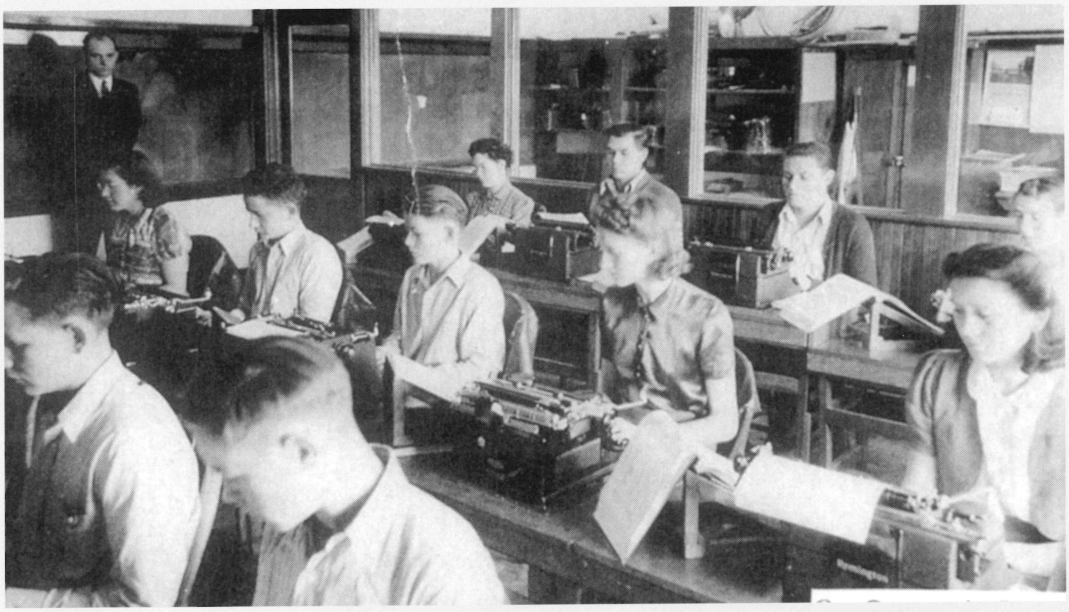
Home Economics Class - 1940.



*Front Row* (left to right)—Dorothy Hobley, Twirler; Mildred Mitton, Bertie Mae Warren, Naomi Nielson, Afton Hjelm, Willard Paskett, Carol Peterson, Verna Hansen, Afton Darley, Elaine Cook, Twirler; Mr. Neilson, Director. *Second Row*—Jimmy Burkman, Erma Nielson, Barbara Young, Vera Cooper, Bonnie Christofferson, Norman Johnson, Delbert Clayson, Yvonne Anderson. *Third Row*—Norman Rogers, Heward Madsen, Dallas Cederberg, Lester Nielson, Charles Roose, Naida Larsen, Arne Kvist, Austin Hanny. *Fourth Row*—Marvin Anthony, Neil Bithell, Doris Sundquist, Max Hanson, Darrell Cook, Elaine Jorgenson, Jessie Hughes. *Horseshoe* (left to right)—Dorothy Jean Christensen, Flag Bearer; Woodrow Peterson, Dennis Nielson, Henry Williams, Drum Major; Ardyce Quinn, LaVon Anthony, Tommy Slayton, Thelon Winschell, Glenn Hansen, Melba Messick, Dorothy Darley, Keith Humpherys, Glenn Cederberg, Dolly Williams, Flag Bearer.

The High School Band has made an enviable record since its organization three years ago. In its second year the group won first division rating in playing marching at the District Contest, and second division in the National Contest competing with bands of four other states. Later in the year, first place in marching competition was won at the Eastern Idaho Fair. The membership is steadily increasing in the band and Mr. Neilson, the director, hopes for a record-breaking group in the future.

Firth High School Band - 1940.



Typing Classes - 1940.

Firth High School Band in new uniforms in the High School Auditorium - 1942.

Firth High School Graduating class in front of High School - 1942.

Pioneer Idaho business on Main street, owners Ace and Nel Froeick - 1940's?

Train near crossing at Wolverine Road 1940's

Fifth and Sixth Grade class picture - 1943. Teacher, Mrs. Smith.

Wiklund Family Farming Project - 1940's.

Malden and Barber Dye getting wood from the Lavas - early 1940's.

Wilson-Pixton Potatoes 1940.

Brothers Jim and Dale Wiklund - 1940's.

Nothing like friendship - 1940's L to R: Carl Nelson, Orton Andrus, Walt Shepherd, Axel Nelson.

Firth Main Street, Fancy Bikes came to town.

Bulb Growing Pays Robert Warren, 19, Of Firth, Idaho

Robert Warren of Firth stands in one of the gladiola beds he created in his yard to supply floral shops of the state with choice bulbs.

## Bulb Growing Pays Youth

Tribune Leased Wire

FIRTH, Ida.—Robert Warren, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Warren, Firth, has founded an industry of his own in Idaho—growing and marketing gladiola bulbs.

Within the past five years he has produced 11,000 bulbs and sold all but 20 dozen. Most of his sales were to floral shops in the Upper Snake River valley.

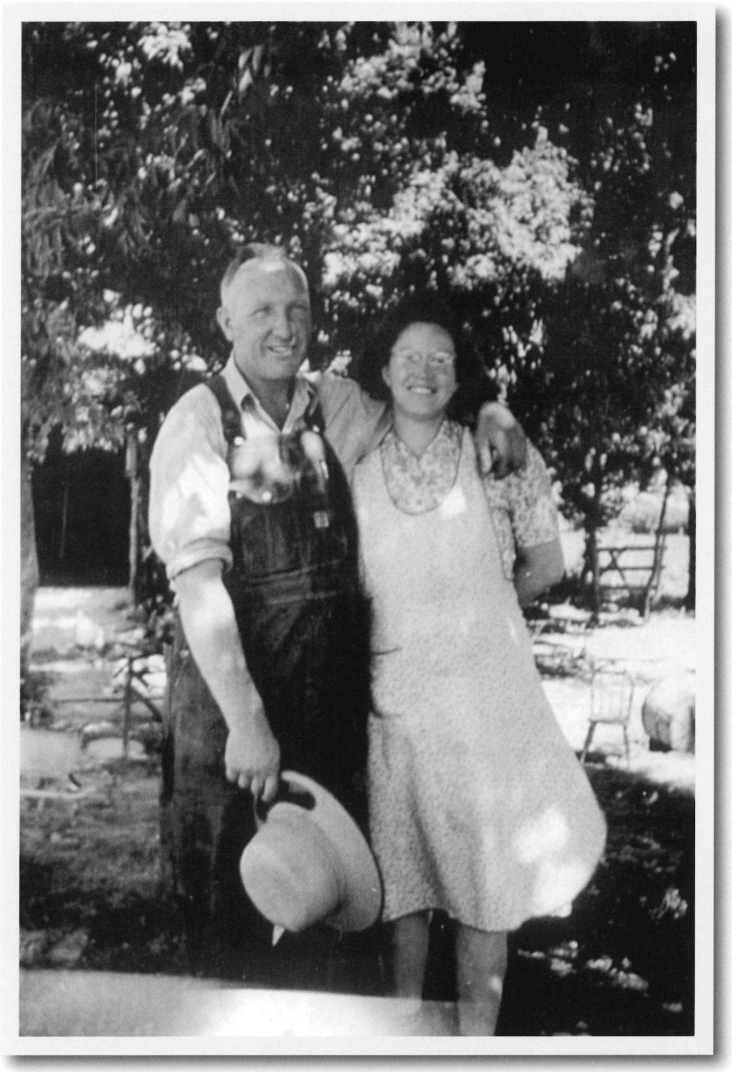
His flower beds are in the spacious yard of his father's home, which the flower hobbyist landscaped. His father owns the Firth Drug Store and has been Union Pacific bus depot agent 17 years, longer than any other agent north of Pocatello.

Young Warren is attending Idaho Southern university, Pocatello, majoring in business. He hopes to own a drug store of his own.

At the eastern Idaho state fair in Blackfoot last year, young Warren won first place in the delphinian, double petunias and purple astors exhibits, second in white astors, and third in roses.

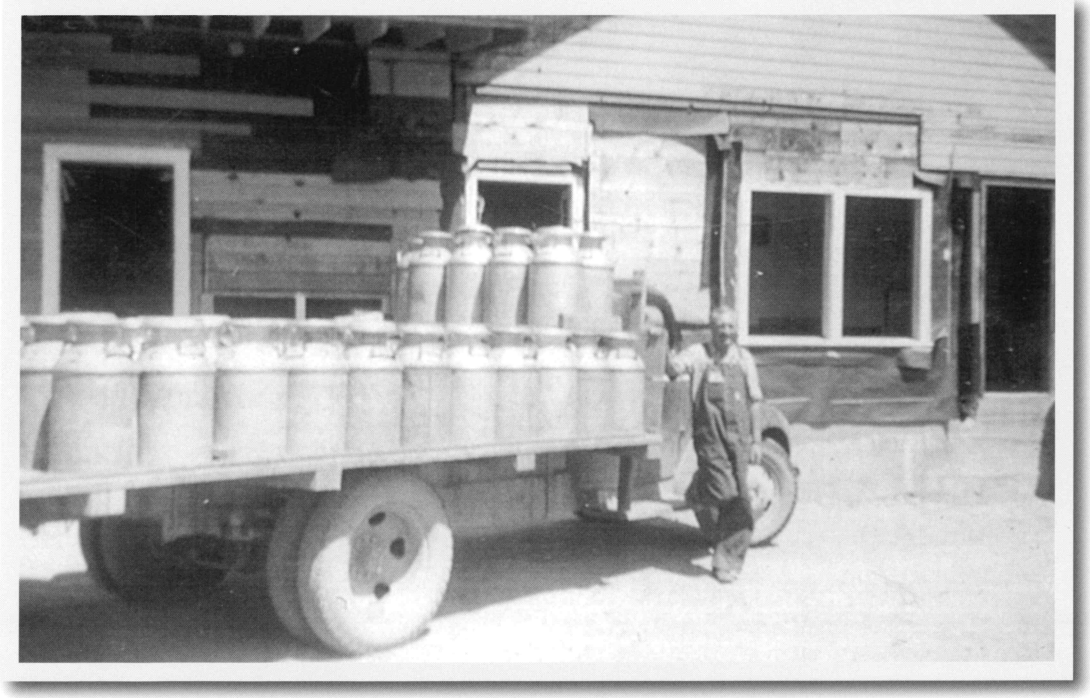
Flower gardening puts the I S U student in good physical condition for the hard work of fall. He picked an average of 100 sacks of potatoes a day last fall, earning approximately $10 a day.

Young Robert Warren making a business of growing flower bulbs - 1945.

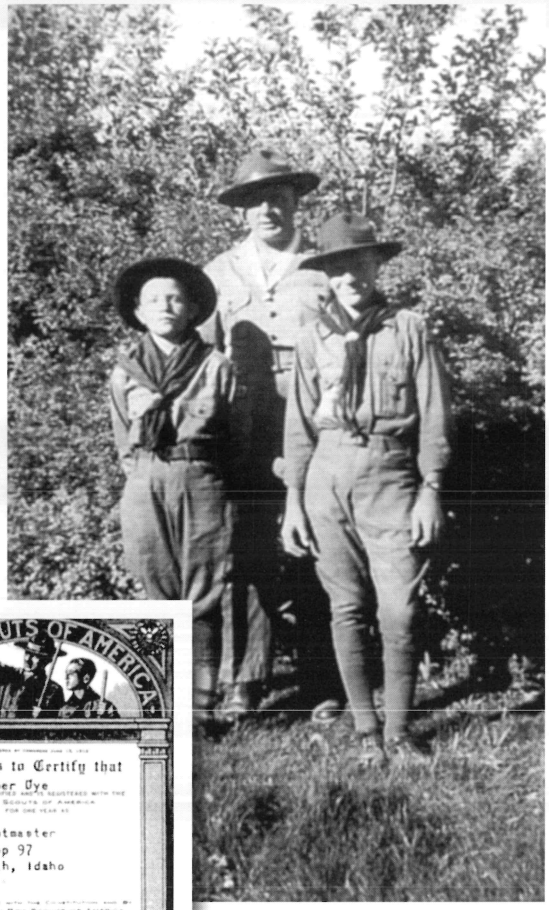


A Farmer and His Wife (Pals) - 1943. Barber and Etha Dye.

Four generation picture: Julia Dye with daughter, Ada, granddaughter, Louise Lowe and great granddaughter, Colleen Lowe - 1941.



Milk Hauler - 1943. Barber Dye.



Scouts, L to R: Dale Dye, Barber Dye, William Dye - 1948

Warren and Lucille Dye Children, Robert, Letha and Marvetta - 1940's.

**ORCHESTRA**

First row: (left to right) Marie Lord, Nola Johnson, Beverly Hjelm, Yvonne Monson, Joy Bartausky, Judy McBride, Beatrice Johnson, Helen Hacking, Dorothy Jolley, Carol Peterson, Barbara Young, Afton Hjelm. Third row: Barbara Hansen, Lapriel Earley, Vera Cederberg, Barbara Steffler, Bonnie Christoffersen, Doris Jolley, Mathel Roos, Marylin Neilson, Bonita Sjoberg, Leola Frandsen, Dawn Heaton, Laree Anderson, Connie Christensen, Miss Joy Gerharz, Director. Fourth row: Larraine Peterson, Verlee Winschell, Ardyce Quinn, Julia Johnson, June Hoff, Sarah Wernette, Allene Mecham, Joan Christensen, Doreen Hess, Marjorie Wilson.

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## What Happens

Wedding shower and dance was given at the Firth L. D. S. Ward, last week for Warren Lyon, and Alice Hutchinson, Florida. Refreshments were served.

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Rev. Lionel P. Furman who recently came from Ashland, Oregon where he held a pastorate and is now pastoring the Firth Gospel Tabernacle broadcasted a fine sermon over the air from Idaho Falls, Thursday September 21, at 11 a. m.

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Miss. Doris Sundquist, of Seattle, Wash., has been spending a brief vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sundquist, before going to her school back East.

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Mrs. Ina Fuller and small son, Tremonton, Utah, have been visiting with her mother, Mrs. Martin Mattson and helped to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Just, of Presto.

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Mr. Albert Olsen a former resident of Firth, but now of Seattle, Wash., visited with friends several days here before returning home.

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We are glad that Bob Warren, won so many ribbons at the Eastern Idaho Blackfoot Fair for his beautiful cut flowers, that greeted everyone.

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Mr. and Mrs Archie Bennett, of Blackfoot, visited with Mrs. Bennett's mother, Mrs. Emma Johnson.

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Mr. Phillip Swenson and three sons enjoyed the Blackfoot Fair when many Firth people were there also.

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Barber Dye, is taking the roll of grandpa—we seen him wheel his new grandson around the fair grounds.

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Mrs. Ed Manion, spent her vacation in Butte, Montana, for several days.

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Mrs. Gladys Galloway, of Los Angeles, Calif., has been spending the summer months with Mrs. Anna Hoff, her mother.

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Mrs. Freddie Nelson, who under went a major operation at a hospital in Idaho Falls, is now home.

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Mrs. Jack Slayton, went to Pocatello, for a meeting, Tuesday September 19.

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Axel and Carl P. Nelson, were business visitors in Idaho Falls, last week.

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Mr. E. R. Randall will be working in Pocatello at an essential industry during the harvest vacation.

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The Idaho Station, owned by the Reliance Oil Co., and leased by E. R. Powell is receiving a new coat of paint this week.

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Mr. P. J. Paskett, former city marshall for five years, now working in Pocatello, was a visitor in town Tuesday.

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Mrs. Laura Larson, is enjoying a visit from her sister and husband, from Utah.

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Mrs. George Larson Jr., of Blackfoot visited with her mother Mrs. Mammie Johnson, last Friday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wiseman and daughter Gloria, of Basalt visited at the Carl P. Nelson home Sunday afternoon.

## The Firth Record Takes its Place

A PAPER IS BORN

Seeing a need in the Firth community for a newspaper to be run on an informative and clean plan the edition of the Firth Record the Editors of the Firth Record the public.

There may be changes necessary before it serves many weeks, so your indulgence is asked and any helpful criticism will be entertained.

The cooperation of the readers is asked in making the column for the armed forces, under the heading of four flags, a success. Any information about your loved one in service can, temporarily, be mailed to "Firth Record", Firth, Idaho, until definite offices can be established. Any other local news can be mailed to the same address.

It is with feeling of incapability and under great circumstantial stress that this first issue of the Firth Record goes to press. We trust that it will fill its intended place in the community, and will continue to grow in fruitfulness as in years.

## Dworshak Seeks Rail Assistance

Since the harvest of sugar beets and potatoes is just starting in Idaho, Rep. Dworshak (R), Idaho, said many additional trains will be necessary to move these items to markets during the next few months. He had registered an "emphatic protest" with the war man power commission against its order giving other western industries man power priorities in the farming states when railroads are in immediate need of men to move perishable crops.

The seriousness of the situation was acknowledged by Charles M. Hay, deputy chairman of the war man power commision. The congressman expressed hope that some modification of the national order would be worked out in time to give the railroads sufficient labor to move these crops.

## Celebrates Birthday

Mrs. Jennie Twitchell of Basalt invited some friends from Firth, to help celebrate her birthday. Mrs. Twitchell received many nice cards and presents, the gifts from her friends, fifteen ladies enjoyed the dainty refreshments that were served on one long table in the dinning-room. A beautiful birthday cake centered the table. Her daughter Mrs. Opal Tucker helped with the serving. Each lady wrote a greeting letter to Mrs. Bere Sr., who is ill in one of the Salt Lake Hospitals.

### MISSION MEETING

Mrs. Lionel P. Furman entertained the ladies of the Mission Meeting at the parsonage, Thursday Aug. 31st. Mrs. Ebba Cederberg is their President, after the business meeting Mrs. Furman served dainty refreshments to her guests. Mrs Emma Johnson, will entertain the Mission Meeting at her home Thursday September 28.

### AN APOLOGY

WE ARE SORRY -The lead from Salt Lake was held up in transit, therefore the first edition of the Record is 48 hours past due. Your indulgence is asked.

Thank you,
The Editor

## Workers Get Gloves

Authorization has been granted by the war production board to distribute 3600 dozen pairs of canvas gloves to potato harvest workers.

The Upper Snake River valley growers informed Gov. Bottolfsen the lack of gloves was slowing the harvest and causing discontent among the workers.

WPB previously had ruled that such gloves could be distributed only to war plant workers.

The gloves will be available through the Idaho potato dealers to the potato workers.

## Dehydrating Co. Opens in Firth

The new dehydrating plant which has been under construction for the past month is to begin full scale operations in the month of October according to Mr. Marvin A. Vanderwall, plant manager.

The partnership, known as the Vanderwall Dried Foods Co., with Mr. Bill Wilson and Vanderwall, plans on dehydrating local potatoes for the commerical market.

It was pointed out the plants capacity would be 200 to 360 sacks per day and that the yield of dehydrated potatoes as against the raw potatoes ran about 800 lbs. of raw #.2 spuds to 100 lbs of the dried product.

The Record reporter was taken through the plant and its many interesting features were pointed out by Mr. Vanderwall.

He was shown how the potatoes were first washed, pealed in an automatic pealer, eyes and bad spots were flecked out by hand by several girls at an "L" shaped work table. The potatoes are then chopped and conveyed to the "cooker" where hot steam blasts cook them in 30 minutes. They are then ready for ricing after which they are placed on 3 X 4 ft. screens and are exposed to further dry heat while traveling through a dehydrating "tunnel" some 20 feet long. They are then carried by conveyerbelt to the processing bins, and then packed, labled and ready for shipping to the commercial markets.

Similar plants have been or are being completed in many Idaho communities and it is one of the industrial post war planning.

Mr. Vanderwall pointed out the many markets for the dried food, the most important being, cafes and institutions where many are fed and kitchen labor is scarce. He added, "Just soak them about 10 minutes and they are ready to prepare as any other potatoes."

## Corporal Killed in Plane Crash

E. L. Keller, Shelley, learned that his son, Corp. La Vern J. Keller, 23, airplane mechanic who was reported killed in action Sept. 10 in the Asiatic theater of war, was fatally injured in a crash as his airplane was taking off.

The corporl had received a presidential citation, air medal, bronze star and good conduct ribbons. Mr. Keller learned his son had completed his mission on a transport route and was expecting him to return to the U. S.

The Shelley soldier enlisted June 2, 1942, trained at Sheppard Field, Tex., Santa Monica, Cal., Muroc Field, Cal., and Kearns, Utah. He went to India by way of South America, and has been aboard air-transports taking supplies over the treacherous mountain ranges in China.

## School is out For Harvesting

The high school will begin the harvest vacation on Wednesday 27th and will open Oct. 23rd according to Mr. E. R. Randall, principal.

He stated that all students are required to keep accurate records as to the number of sacks of potatoes picked, and tons of beets topped as well as the total earnings during the 27 day period. This information, he added, was for the State Survey to be taken after harvesting is through.

The Shelley public schools will be out during the same 27 day period. Because the work is lighter, farmers are urged to use the students more in potatoes than in beets.

## Laura Heaton Passes

GOSHEN,—Mrs. Laura Heaton, 80, died of heart disease Thursday of last week in the home of a son, Chancey Heaton.

She was born July 29, 1864, in South Cottonwood, Utah,and was married to Jonas Heaton Oct. 10, 1881, in Salt Lake City, Utah. They moved to Idaho in 1904, settling at Kimball. In 1917 she went to Ririe, and from there to Goshen two years ago. Mr. Heaton died in 1905.

Two other sons and a daughter survive, Laprel Heaton, Carter, Wyo.; Frank Heaton, American Falls; and Relby Heaton, Boston, Mass.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at Goshen. Burial was in the Firth cemetary.

### LAND LOANS REDUCED

The federal land bank and land bank commissioner loans have been reduced 41 per cent in three years by the farmers in Idaho, Washington, Montana, and Oregon, R. E. Brown, president of the Spokane branch bank said.

Loans were reduced, he said, from a total of $138,190,000 on June 30, 1940, to $81,162,000 on last June 30.

## Idaho Against Ration

Idaho is among the 11 states that favored complete abandonment of beef rationing.

The state agriculture heads, who banded to gether at a conference at Portland, Oregon to promote inter-state trade in the west and aid western farmers, also urge that price ceilings on beef be abandoned as soon as supplies reach the level of demand.

The newly formed organization

Pvt. Carl R. Nelson, son of Axel T. Nelson returned to his camp in Edison, New Jersey after spending a 10-day furlough at home.

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### LOST IN FRANCE

Mrs. Melba D. Grout, was advised last Thursday in a telegram from the war department that her husband, T 5/G Harold L. Groot, 30, has been missing in action since August 18 in France.

He was in an engineering unit and had been in the army since January, 1943, going overseas last October, first to England and then to France July 4.

He was well known in Idaho Falls, where he farmed for a time, but resided in Firth when he went into military service.

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### REPORTED IN FRANCE

Pvt. Elmer John, husband of Mrs. Norma John is reported to have been in France three weeks.

Pvt. John left Firth January 3rd 1944, and trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas, where he graduated from Cooks School. From there he went to England in the later part of July. He is now in the Medical Corps.

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### AVIATOR HOME

Lieut. Rex Hjehn, who was shot down in France, was reported missing in action is still alive and glad to be home. Lieut. Hjhen arrived safely Thursday Sept. 21 to join his wife and parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hjehn, gave a party in honor of Lieut. Rex Hjehn, many friends and relatives were invited, a social evening was enjoyed.

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### POTATO CONTEST

The potato growers have a chance to win a $25 war bond this year; as the Idaho Advertising Commission has made an offer of a $25 war bond to be given for the largest potato grown this year, also a $25 war bond for the three most perfect 10-to-16 ounce potatoes.

### GAS COUPON DATES BY OPA

That supplementary gasoline coupons "B-3" and "C-3" will be invalid for use by motorists after Sept. 30, was made known by the office of price administration.

"3 qtr." commerical vehicle "T" coupons will expire at the same time.

"B" and "C" coupons numbered four and five will continue to be valid.


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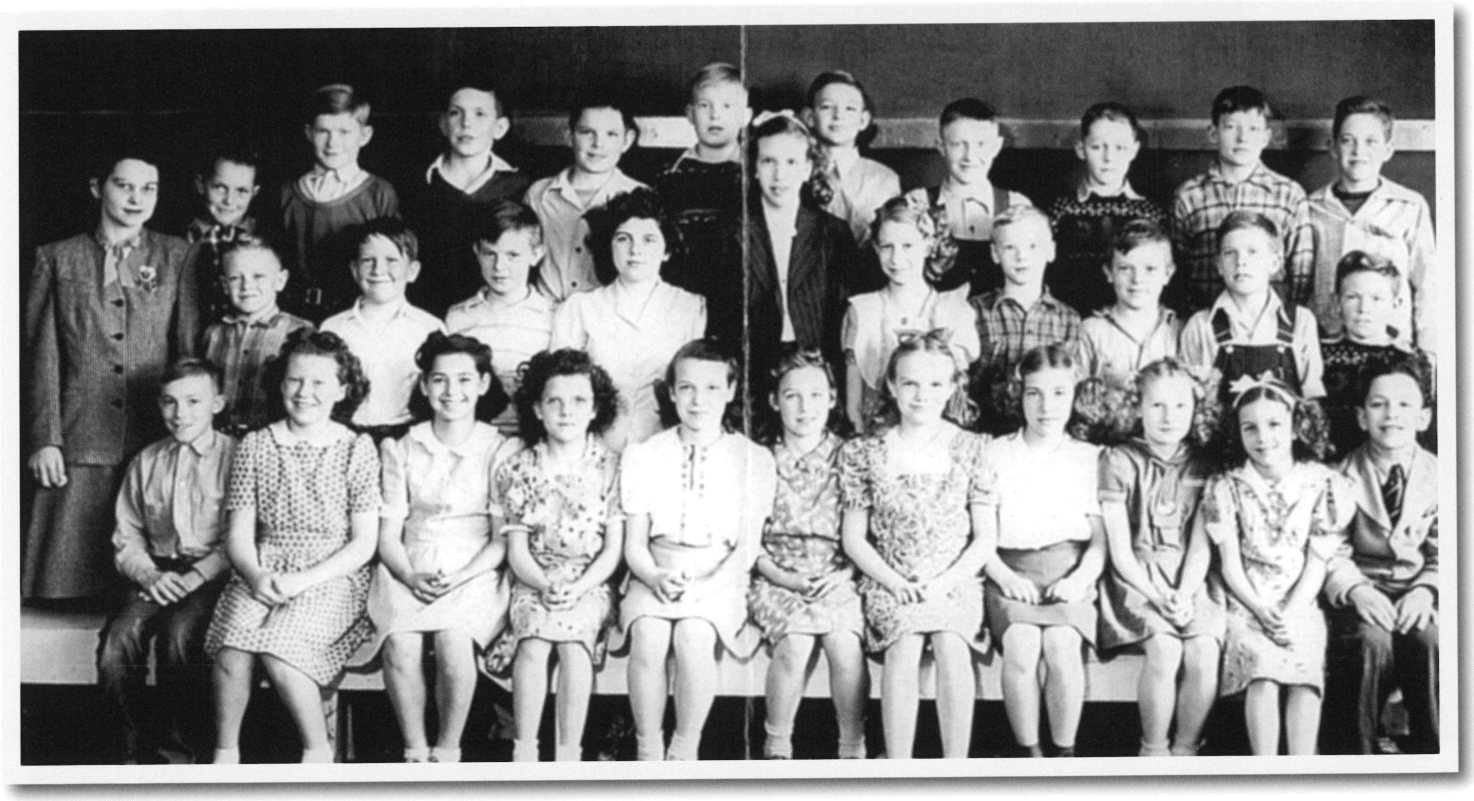
Tom Nelson farming the good earth - 1947.

Firth 8th Grade Graduation - 1945
A.W. Johnson: Principal and teacher of grades 7-8. Back row L to R: Mark Gardner, Weldon Daines, John Chapman, Tony Nuttall. Middle row L to R: Ronald Humphreys, Barbara Beus, Elaine Neal, Preston Bell. Front row L to R: Laraine Dye, Marjean Mecham, Letha Dye, Kathleen Blaire, Dennis Crofts.

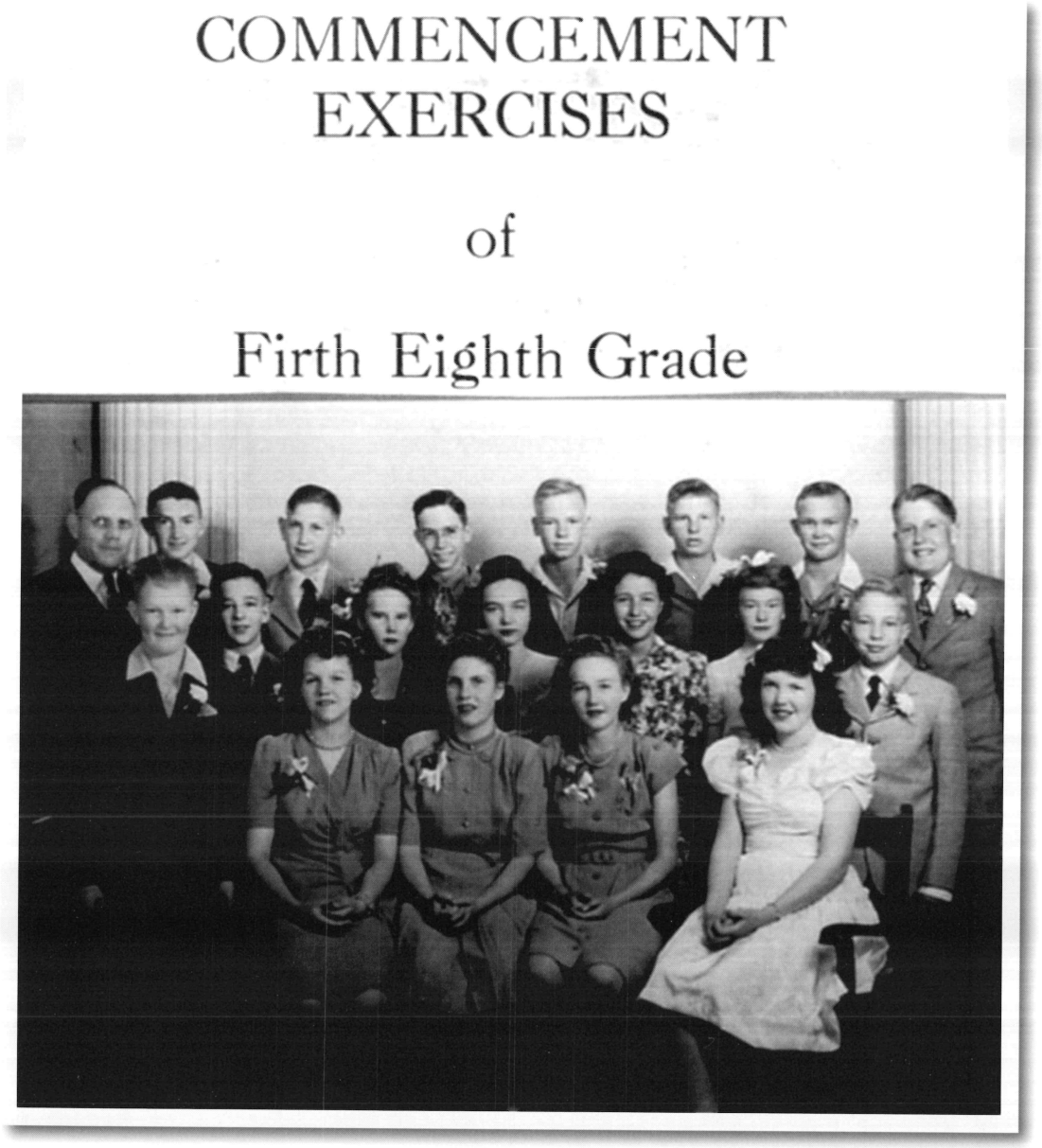
Firth High School Pep Band - 1946.



Firth 5th grade class - 1946-47 Teacher Elaine Cook Hanny

## 8th Grade Motto:

To work out our life problems, we need to add love, subtract hate, multiply good, and divide between truth and error. Class Motto-1946




Firth 8th Grade Graduation - 1946
L to R (front row): Lynada Mecham, Darlene Pugmire, Carol Mecham, Susanne Smith (middle row) Dean Anderson, Boyd Lyon, Leona Baldwin, Marlene Tschikof, Betty Palleria, Joyce Wilson, Glen Spalding (back row) Mr. A.W. Johnson, Ronald Marsden, John Logan, Norman Crofts, Lloyd Rogers, Dallas Smith, Ronald Nield, Joey Gardner.

Bonnie Hiatt, Stella Cooper, Norma Haggard.

Our cheerleaders, voted the best at the Southern Idaho Tournament, have created a wonderful school spirit at out games and they have helped to uphold sportsmanship in our school.

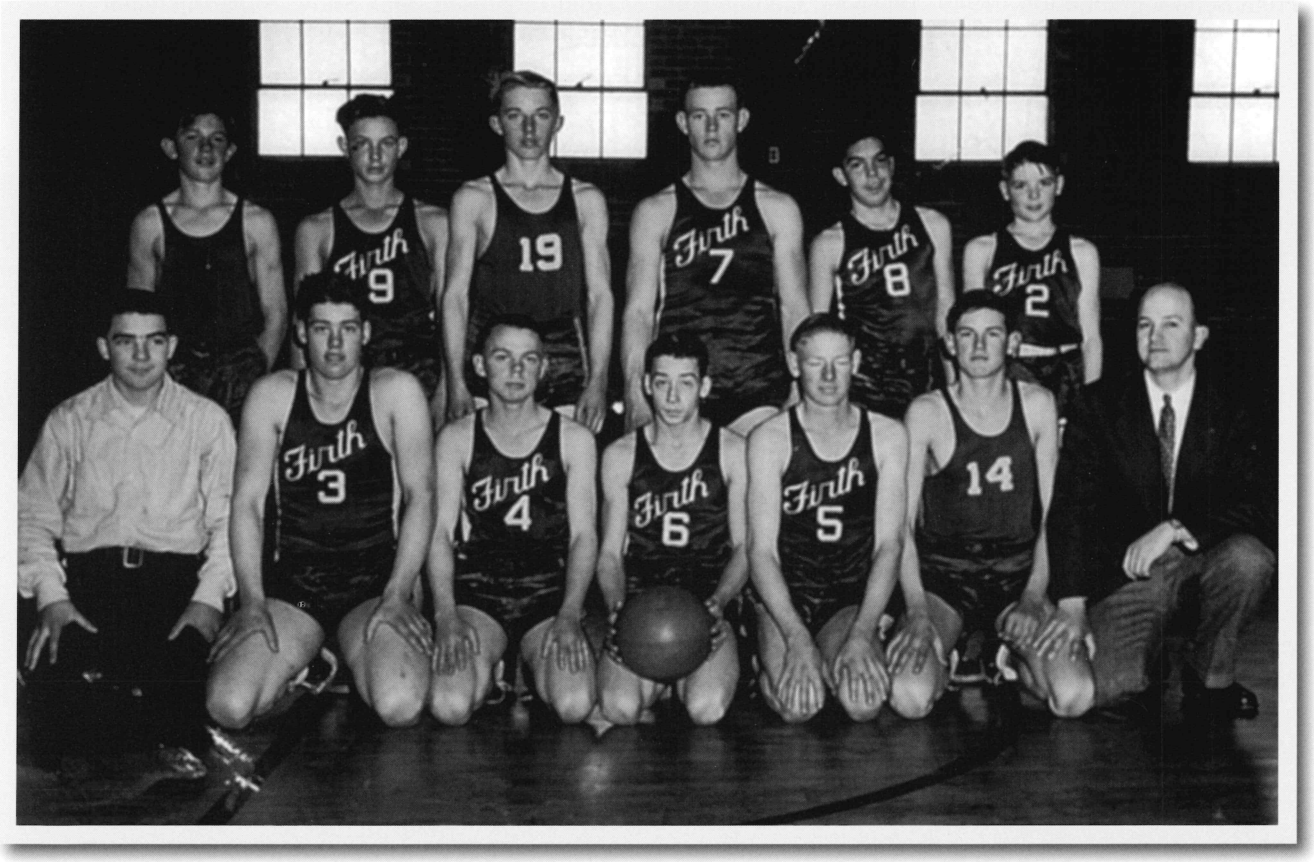
Firth High Cheerleaders - 1947.

Firth High Twirlers L to R: Ladine Hansen, Doris Eaton, Burnis Steele, Arlyn Christensen - 1947.

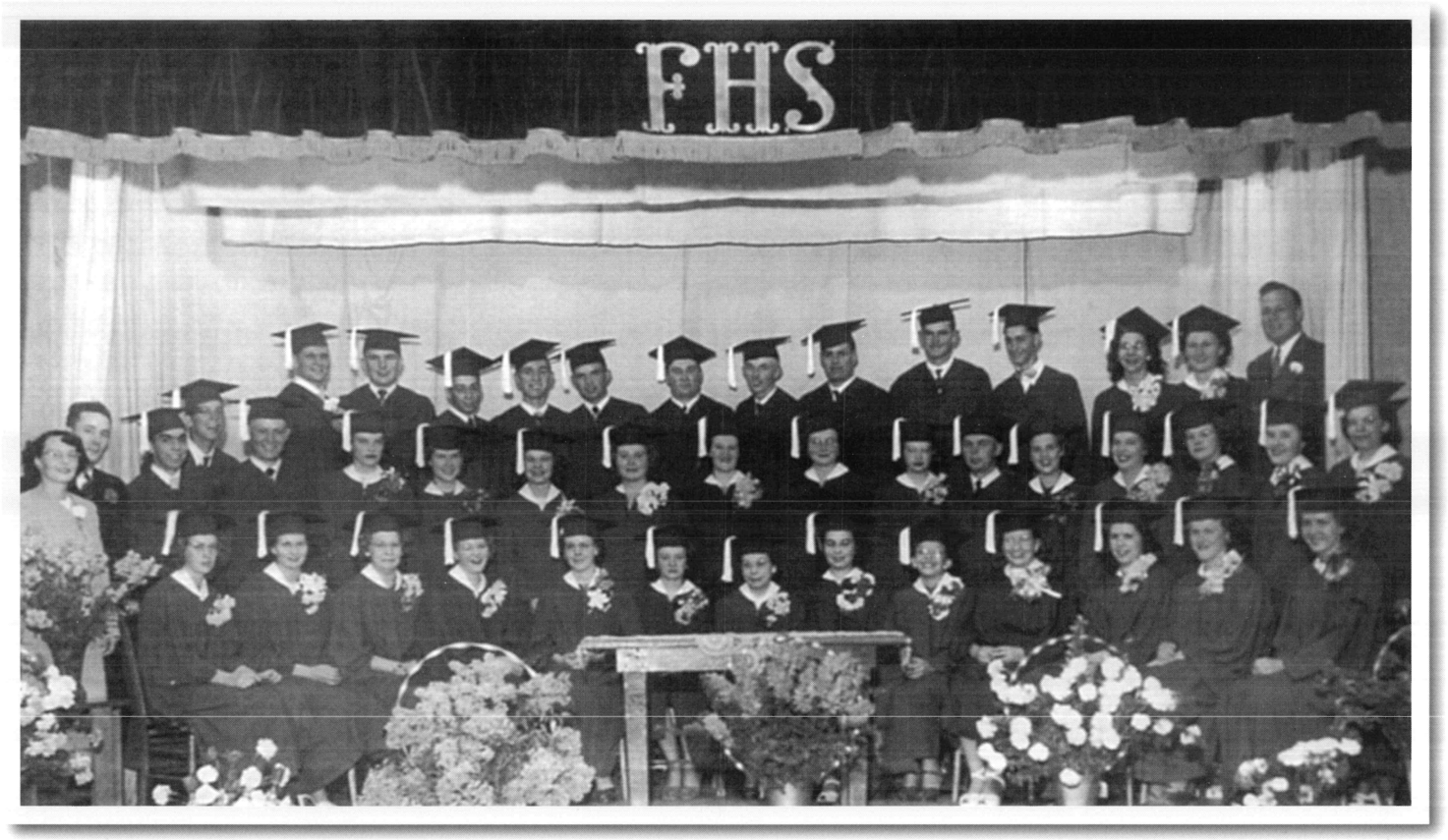
Firth High School Basketball Team and Coach - 1942.

1949 - 2nd and 3rd Grades
L to R (top row) Teacher; Eleanor Brewington, Barbara Reid, Sharon Lucy, Linda Grant, Ila Dye, Danela Anderson, Reva Johnson, Judy Hjelm (middle row) LaDell Jolley, Deanne Chabis, Carolyn Gardner, Darrel Farrar, Douglass Rainbough, Jay Brewington, Jerry Tschikof, Bruce Jones, Dick Tschikof (bottom row) Sandra Robinson, Nan Wilcock, Nancy Lyon, Vera Hillman, Lorenzo Nelson, Karen Olsen, Jeanette Tew, Kent Just.

Firth High Varsity Team - 1949.




Firth High Basketball Team - 1947. J.V. Team (back row) L to R: Hal Monson, Henry Brown, Roy Adolfson, Wayne Neild Dennis Crofts, Mark Olsen (front row) John Kontes, Melvin Thompson, John Chapman, Norman Hensen, Van Nelson, Wallace Reid, Coach Ellis Williams.




Firth High School graduation - 1949. Teachers: George Hunt & Dohl Jorgensen, Max Snow, Superintendant

Firth High School Glee Club/Choir - 1948/49

Students by the Firth School Ag Shop, L to R: Henry Brown, Ronald Mardsen, Carl Hansen, Jerry Hjelm, Frank Just, Deloy Gardner - Fall of 1949.

# Three Firth Athletes Die In Train Mishap

## Three Others Badly Injured in Tragedy Occurring While Enroute Home After Game at Downey

BY BULLETIN STAFF REPORTERS

FIRTH—Two Firth High School basketball players were killed an another died later when a car carrying six players was struck by a freight train at the Firth north crossing at 2 a. m. this morning.

Killed outright was Ray Hyde, 14, freshman star of the Firth junior varsity

Carl Hansen, 17, a senior, and mainstay of the Firth Varsity, died later in a Blackfoot hospital.

### Eyewitness Says Crash Sounded Like Door Slamming

The boys had just returned from the game played in Downey, where Firth dropped a 57-21 decision.

Downey is approximately 70 miles from Firth.

The teams returned from Downey to the Firth High School by bus, and then got in their own cars to go to their homes.

Deloy Gardner, 17, one of the

Charles Hansen, 17, senior varsity member, died this morning at the Blackfoot Hospital.

Firth High School lost three of its best athletes Thursday morning in Carl Hansen, Charles Hansen, and Ray Hyde.

Carl Hansen, was a star left end for two years on the Firth football squad, and according to coach Ted Heath, he was one of the best.

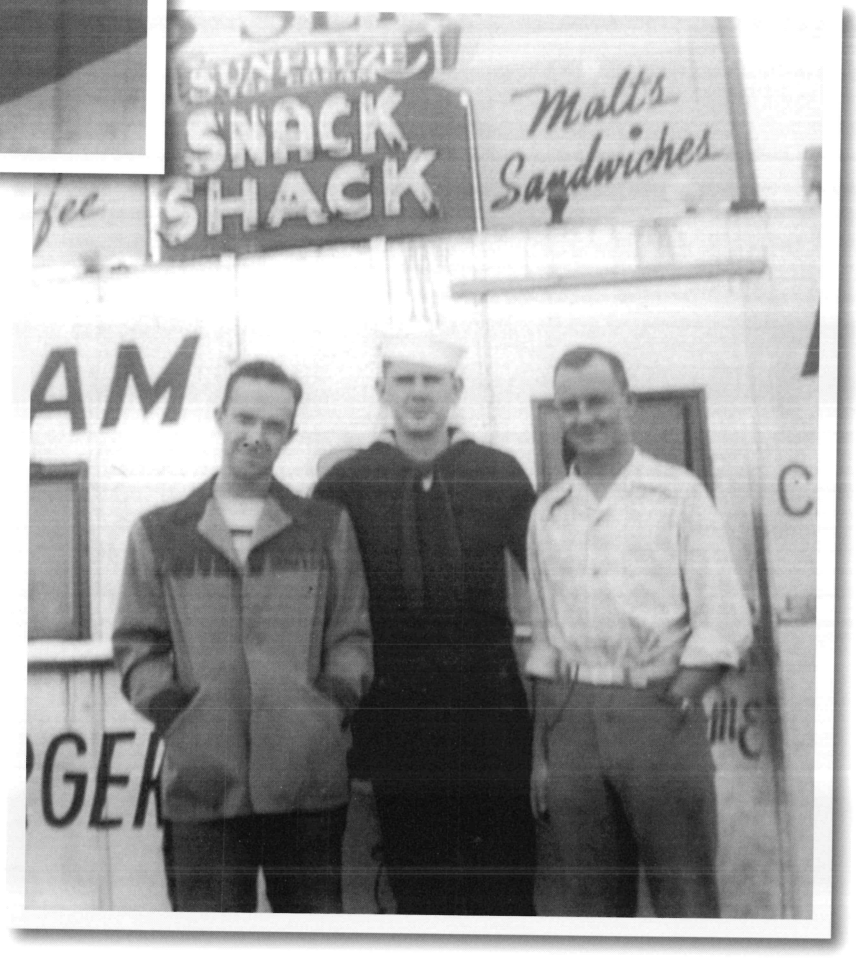
"He was definitely college material," said Heath, as he mourned

victims were incomplete this afternoon, pending decisions from the three families. It was not known whether there would be joint services.

### Teammates at Crash Victims' Bedside

Six of the teammates and friends were waiting at the Blackfoot Hospital this morning for further information on Charles Han-

Burger Hut, Lloyd Rogers in Firth School sweater - 1947.

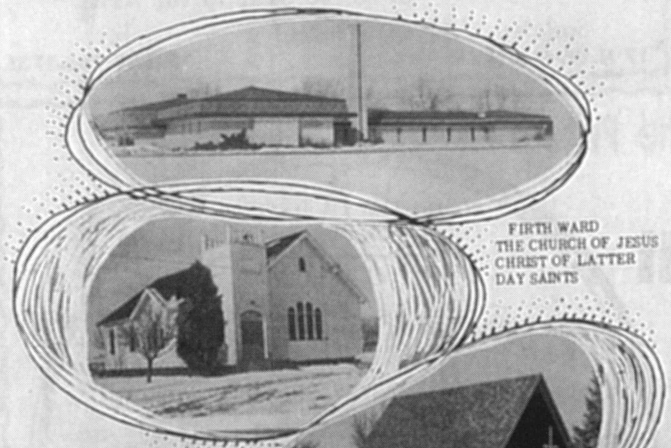



The Snack Shack - L to R: Bob Warren, Norman Brighton, Kay Just - 1944.

# FIRTH..

## PROGRESS

is people — many people, striving to do their best. Progress is you and I, at our jobs—in the home, in the field, at the office or shop—doing our individual part to make our community better, our families happier. We are proud to be part of the progress team in Firth.



FIRTH WARD THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

ASSEMBLY OF GOD TABERNACLE

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

RIVERVIEW GRANGE An organization dedicated to community betterment. Among there projects have been the building of Bleachers For the High School and the sponsoring of

THE BUSY MAIN STREET OF FIRTH IS LINED WITH CARS AS RESIDENTS AND FARMERS FROM THE SURROUNDING AREA SHOP IN TOWN

It didn't take long for the world to hear about FIRTH after Idaho Supreme started processing potatoes in 1966. Local stockholders formed the company which produces dehydrated potato fl Already the company has world-wide distribution.

1940's

"A LITTLE town with a BIG future"

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6 months $1.50 1 year $2.50
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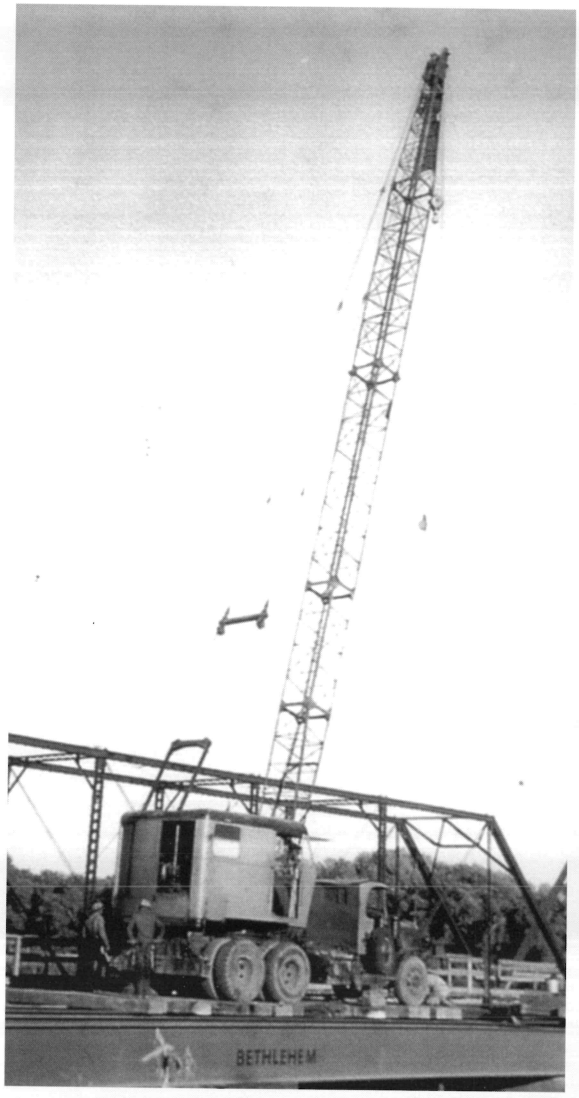
## Bridge Work Is Now Underway

The erection of the Firth bridge across the Snake river was slated to begin May 27. It actually got under way this past week. Brannan and Cahoon of Pocatello have the contract. Cost of bridge is estimated at $117,000.

## Connecting Girder For New Bridge Laid Wednesday

The main superstructure of the Firth bridge across Snake River is now started, after the laying of the last girder, connecting both sides of the river, was witnessed Wednesday, by approximately thirty-five people around 3:30 P.M.

Now that the last girder has been layed all the bolts will have to be rivited befode the rest of the construction can go forward.



Starting to remove the old Snake River bridge.

A LITTLE town with a BIG future

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# WAR IS OVER

# VJ DAY IS NEAR

## Tokio Surrenders 8 Days After The Second Atomic Bomb Was Dropped On Jap Soil

### Russia Declaring War Brings Million Reds Against Manchurian Borders

The end of the war after three years, 35 weeks and 7 days of hostilities became a reality today. Japan has accepted the Allied peace terms. The Allies told Japan Saturday they would dictate orders to the emperor "from the moment of surrender" and that an allied supreme commander would control them through their emperor.

The news of surrender found millions of Americans unable to grasp the full significance of the order as they had been given a similar flash by wires of the United Press Sunday evening. U. P. has offered a $5,000 reward for information identifying the origan of the erroneous report.

The actual signing of the Japan Allied Nations surrender terms will probably take place on the Missouri, a ship of Adm. Halsey's Third fleet in Tokio bay.

### Immediate Relief Is Not Seen

Wild guessing has been heard about the letting up and cancelling of the ration program when Japan fell but in many cases wild hopes of the end of rationing are absolutely unfounded. According to reports which have been received through the press releases the food situation will remain tight for some time as there are still thousands of hungry mouths to feed.

Concerning gasoline, it has been reported that rationing will stop within fourty-eight hours after cessation of hostilities while tires are expected to be free of ration and more plentiful within a few months. Shoe rationing is expected to stop by the first of next year. The prospects of a good supply of coal are very dim as the bulk will be shipped to ready countries. Authorities assure however that there will be a gradual appearance of hard-to get items on your grocers shelves.

### V E DAY IN FIRTH TAKEN WITH SOBRIETY

RECORD — May 10, 1945.

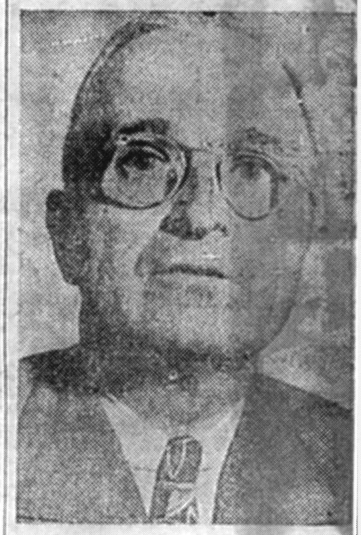
V E day in Firth was taken seriously and soberly. Little remonstration was shown and aside from the fact that all places of business had closed by noon it was as any other day. Some had said that most of the Firth boys were in the Pacific and that being the case, cause for celebration was less in order. However; all in all, Firth people are mighty glad to see the second phase of the war over and everyone in this community seems to be of one mind ---to see the Japs beaten.

## Domie Report Sets Off Wild Celebrating

In many cities wild celebrating was set in motion by the Domie announcement at 10:40 p m. Monday that Japan had accepted terms of the Potsdam ultimatum while in other places people waited anxiously, but quietly.

Here there was no show of emotion until official news was received from Washington at which time the blast of the siren told Firth that the conflict was over.

### Tough Job



PRES. HARRY S. TRUMAN

Pres. Truman, 33rd President of the United States, faced a tough job in piloting a nation at war to the shores of peace.

President Truman in his speech to the nation Thursday August 9, 1945, assured the Japanese government that we were ready for nothing less than "unconditional surrender." He made it known that there were plenty of atomic bombs ready to be loosed on the Nipponese.

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WEATHER
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## JAPAN FINALLY QUITS

# WORLD WAR II ENDS!

## Domei Schedules Unprecedented Talk by Hirohito

### First News of Surrender For Japanese Expected

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14 (UP)—Tokyo radio said Tuesday night Emperor Hirohito of Japan read a rescript concerning the Potsdam proclamation in a broadcast to the nation at noon Wednesday (Tokyo time).

It was the first time in Japanese history an emperor spoke to the nation over the radio.

By ROBER JOHNSON

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14 (UP)—Tokyo radio said Tuesday Emperor Hirohito, breaking all tradition, personally will broadcast an important announcement to Japan and Japanese-occupied areas of Asia at 8 p. m., M W T, followed by Premier Baron Adm. Kanto Suzuki.

All Tokyo newspapers postponed publication until 1 p. m. Wednesday, Japan time, to permit them to carry an "important announcement" after the emperor's broadcast.

It seemed apparent that the emperor would tell his people for the first time, that he had surrendered Nippon unconditionally to the allies.

**Action Unprecedented in Japan's History**

Text of an official Japanese Domei news agency broadcast recorded by United Press, San Francisco:

"His imperial majesty, the emperor, will be graciously pleased to broadcast to the nation through the radio at 12 noon Wednesday.

"The radio broadcast by his gracious imperial majesty has no precedent in Japan's history. The Japan Broadcasting Corp. asked every member of the nation not to fail to listen to the imperial broadcast.

"Following his majesty's broadcast, Premier Baron Kantaro Suzuki will speak. Important announcements will also be made.

"All Tokyo morning papers postponed publication until 1 p. m. Wednesday, in order to carry a subsequent announcement after the personal broadcast of his majesty."

**Al Domestic Broadcasts Stopped**

All domestic broadcasts of musical and other entertainment programs were stopped at 7 p. m. (4 p. m., M W T), Tokyo said.

A broadcast to bureaus of the Japanese Domei agency said that an announcement of unprecedented importance, to which every Japanese must listen closely, would be broadcast at noon Wednesday, which is 9 p. m. Tuesday, M W T.

Hour after hour, Tokyo stations repeated the urgent request for all to listen to the announcement.

Tokyo announced also that electrical current would be stepped up in power-regulated areas so that all radio listeners could hear the statement.

Earlier, Tokyo broadcast that the emperor had "granted his decision" and, indicating that final surrender might be near, described how a weeping crowd before the palace "bowed to the very ground" in shame because their war efforts were not enough.

**Vivid Grief Story Believed Premature**

This description was broadcast in Japanese to bureaus of the official Domei agency in the far east. It was stopped in the middle of a sentence and editors were instructed to hold it. There seemed reason to believe that it might have been sent in advance of the facts—that the crowd might gather at the palace when the Japanese people finally were told they had lost the war.

While domestic Japanese radios broadcast only news and commentaries to their own people, others which send only to points abroad were silent for long periods during the day.

American Broadcasting Co. monitors heard Japan calling

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**GUAM, Wednesday, Aug. 15 (AP)—Orders have been issued to the U. S. Pacific fleet and to other forces under command of the commander in chief of the U. S. Pacific fleet to cease offensive operations against the Japanese, Adm. Nimitz announced Wednesday.**

**The announcement was made in a very brief communique issued at 11 a. m.—exactly three hours after President Truman's announcement that Japan had accepted surrender terms.**

APPOINTED TO CONTROL BEATEN ENEMY

Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur . . . Pacific ground forces commander who lost a battle but fought back to win a war, was chosen Tuesday to govern the vanquished Japanese, outfought in U. S. chain of victories from New Guinea to Tokyo. Knowledge of Japan fits him for task.

## Allies Name MacArthur Japan Head

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—General of the Army Douglas A. MacArthur, who told the Filipinos "I will return" and did it, was assigned Tuesday night to govern the enemy he whipped on the road back.

Appointment of Gen. MacArthur as supreme allied commander for the occupation of Japan was the next logical step for the man who beat the Nipponese land forces back from the doorstep of Australia.

He had been commanding general of American army forces in the Pacific since April 8, 1942, sharing the over-all assignment of beating the Japanese with Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, who heads all sea forces in that ocean. MacArthur moved up from the southwest Pacific command, which he had held since shortly after the war began.

Over six feet tall, wide shouldered, always spectacularly dressed, generally stern of face, with broad forehead, prominent nose and rather thin lips, MacArthur at 65 is still the complete soldier: he never leaves the role of commander and leader.

Critics call him arrogant and theatrical. But the best qualified judges in the American armed forces have praised him as a genius at strategy. And his officers are fiercely loyal.

He knows the Japanese, and, by all accounts, they respect and fear him.

The general started learning about the Japanese shortly after his graduation from West Point, when he served a brief tour in that country. He has been finding out more ever since in the Philippines, around which islands his military career has centered.

Occupation, too, is an old story to MacArthur. After the First

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## TRUMAN SETS TWO DAYS AS WORKER HOLIDAYS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP)—President Truman Tuesday night officially declared Aug. 15 and 16—Wednesday and Thursday—legal holidays to permit payment of time and a half to essential workers who must stay on the job.

He said that since the national war labor board had permitted the payment of straight time wages for employes who are excused from working on those days, many employers had requested that employes who do work on those days should receive premium compensation.

The amendment also makes these victory holidays, whether or not work is performed by a war worker, holidays which must be counted as days of work in determining whether an employe has worked seven consecutive days in a work week.

The victory holidays, the White House said, must also be counted in computing the sixth day worked in the work week unless the employment contract specified otherwise.

Under the executive order, the president said, V-J day becomes a holiday subject to all the rulings and interpretations issued by the secretary of labor with respect to the other six holidays previously specified in executive order which is amended by the one issued Tuesday night by the president.

## Allied World Becomes Wild With Ecstasy

By ED CREACH
Associated Press Staff Writer

An allied world that had waited long and sacrificed heavily for this victory gave thanks in its manifold ways Tuesday night for Japan's unconditional surrender, and then went mad in an ecstasy of publication.

"It"—the war, the costliest war in blood, dollars and resources in history—was over.

Even as the whistles began shrieking, as the windy howling automobiles began reeling through the streets, as the victory bonfires blazed and the fighting men and their home folks embraced and wept unabashed—

Even as these things happened, the church bells pealed and the words of the president were repeated, reverently:

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

The rejoicing was undiminished for all that it had started, and

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## Hirohito Note Brings Peace

By ERNEST BARCELLA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP)—Peace came to the world Tuesday night when Pres. Truman announced that Japan has accepted unconditional surrender and that allied forces have been ordered to cease firing.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, "the man who came back," was named supreme allied commander to receive the formal Japanese surrender.

World War II—the bloodiest conflict in all human history—[illegible] except for the formality of signing surrender documents.

V-J day will not be proclaimed until after the instruments of [illegible] signed.

America's three allies in the Pacific war—Great Britain, Russia [illegible] will be represented at the signing by high ranking officers.

Mr. Truman proclaimed the tidings at 5 p. m. (M W T), shortly after he received Tokyo's formal reply to the allied surrender terms.

Summoning reporters to his office, he read a statement which said:

"I deems this reply a full acceptance of the Potsdam declaration which specified the unconditional surrender of Japan.

### Jap Reply Without Qualification

"In the reply there is no qualification."

Tokyo informed Mr. Truman that Emperor Hirohito is prepared "to authorize and insure the signature by the Japanese government and the imperial general headquarters the necessary terms for carrying out the provisions of the Potsdam declaration."

"His majesty also is prepared to issue his commands to all the military, navy and air authorities of Japan and all the forces under their control wherever located to cease active operations, to surrender arms and to issue such other orders as may be required by the supreme commander of the allied forces of the execution of the above mentioned terms."

Thus was the "infamy" of Pearl Harbor fully avenged three years, eight months and seven days after Japanese planes struck a nearly mortal blow against the United States without warning.

Japan had paid the full penalty for the treachery that plunged the United States into a two-front war—the costliest in all history.

In terms of blood and treasure, the great conflict had cost the United States more than 1,000,000 casualties and $300,000,000,000.

The cost to the world was more than 55,000,000 casualties and a trillion dollars in money, materials and resources.

World War II ended six years—less 17 days—after Germany precipitated it by marching into Poland.

The end was announced calmly by Mr. Truman, who declared a two-day holiday—Wednesday and Thursday—for all federal employes throughout the nation.

### Orders Reduction in Draft

He also authorized selective service to reduce draft inductions immediately from 80,000 to 50,000 men per month as a result of Japan's capitulation.

Bedlam broke loose in usually reserved Washington the moment the White House flashed the word that "it's all over."

A snowstorm of ticker tape went cascading into the streets. Horns tooted endlessly. Firecrackers exploded.

Crowds boiled out of restaurants, office buildings, hotels and taverns—shrieking and singing.

Within a few minutes a tremendous crowd gathered in front of the White House and in Lafayette park across the street.

Harry S. Truman, the Missouri boy who made good; the ex haberdasher and haberdasher who became the No. 1 man of the land, stepped out on the [illegible] of the executive mansion with the first lady.

A thundering cheer went up.

Mr. Truman, speaking into a microphone hitched to a public address system, had a few words to say.

### Day We've All Been Looking For

This is a great day, he began. This the day we've been looking for since Dec. 7.

This, he continued, is the day when fascist and other governments cease to exist in the world. This is the day for democracy.

It is the day when we can start the real task!—the implementation of [illegible]

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"A LITTLE town with a BIG future"

# THE FIRTH RECORD

FIRTH, IDAHO
January 7, 1949
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## Melba Theatre will Become Firth Community Project

### Kid's Free Matinee To be Continued

About twentyfour members of the Firth Businessmen's Club, met Monday evening, at the Lion's Hall, to discuss plans for operation of the Melba Theatre, on a community basis.

Ralph Davis, of Shelley, who has been operating the Melba the past four months, and Grant Collet, owner of the theatre here, presented such a plan to club members.

Under the plans set forth, and adopted, Mr. Davis will continue to book pictures for showing here, and they will, for the most part be pictures which were shown in Shelley the nights previous, as has been the procedure since September.

A number of merchants are donating time and cash contributions to the actual operation of the show, and others, who are unable to donate time, made larger cash contributions. The general feeling of those present, was that Firth needs a theatre, and some expressed the beliefs that it should be kept in operation at any cost.

Larry Lyons was appointed, as secretary of the club, to act in a similar capacity in carrying out the plans of the project, and such other duties as may appear after the plan goes into operation on January 9. Early in the week Mr. Lyons had collected approximatly $170.00 from Firth merchants which has been deposited in a bank to create a working capital.

Mr. Davis is to be compensated for his services, and the facilities of the Melba Theatre will, in effect, be rented from Mr. Collet, who will receive a flat monthly payment.

Cooperation was pledged by most, to make this plan successful, and it is believed that under this new management, Firth will continue to have a theatre. But in the final analysis its success will depend upon the support of theatre goers.

KID'S MATINEE

The "Kid's Free Matinee on Saturday afternoon will continue, free to all children 14 and under, sponsored by the merchants. Attendance at the matinee has fallen away considerable in the past several weeks. This is, in part, do to severe winter and it has been learned that some youngsters have stayed away because of the behavior of others. In the future this problem will be remedied in fairness to those who are really interested in the picture.

Country parents are urged to bring the children to these Saturday shows--It's not just for the town children.

### MIA AND BISHOPRIC HOLD MEETING

The M.I.A. and Bishopric held a meeting Monday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Arland Backlund, Mr. and Mrs. Hershal Mecham, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Barber Dye, Edna Lyon, Mrs. Hyrum Mecham, Wren Brooks, Ruel Moss, Mrs. Lawrence Lyon, Mrs. Von Bolander, A. R. Roose, Verdall Sorsenson, Mrs. Norman Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman, Clyde Gardner, Mrs. Fred Shockey, Mrs. Floyd Hillman, Lucille Chapman, Dorma Chapman, and Afton Crofts. 1949

### Exchanged Vows New Year's Eve

Mrs. Jennie Conder became the bride of Thad B. Daly of Blackfoot, New Year's Eve at her home in Firth, with Bishop John Chapman of the local ward officiating.

The bride wore an afternoon dress of cinnamon brown and a corsage of carnations and rose buds centered by a gardenia. She was attended by her daughter, as matron of honor, Mrs. Angus Miles, Mr. Russell Daly, son of Mr. Daly acted as best man.

The wedding guests were served a luncheon following the ceremony. A three tiered wedding cake centered the bridal table, which was flanked by vases of carnations and asters. Mr. and Mrs. Daly will make their home in Blackfoot at Bills Apartments.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Daly was employed as one of the Firth grade schools cook which is being filled by Mrs. E. H. Johnson.

MELBA

SUN. - MON.

Double Feature

Robert Louis Stevensons'

"KIDNAPPED"

Also

"DREAM GIRL"

Betty Hutton

Donald McCarey

FRI. - SAT.

On An ISLAND With YOU

WITH

Esther Williams Peter Lawford

Jimmy Durante

Plus 2nd. Feature

"ANGEL VALLEY"

A Bowery Boys Special

LOOK AT THIS - -

FREE-Kids Matinee 14 years and under—Saturday

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**FREE** - -Kid's Matinee Saturday

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**Matinee July 4th at 2 p.m.**

*HIGH CLIMBING THRILLER.... BACK AGAIN TO GIVE YOUR HEART A CHILL!!*

*GEORGE BANCROFT · THE DEAD END KIDS*

NEWS and SHORT SUBJECTS

# MELBA THEATRE

FIRTH, IDAHO

**UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**

**SUNDAY — MONDAY**

**"THE BIG PUNCH"**

with Wayne Morris

**"DRIFTWOOD"**

Walter Brennan Jean Jagger Ruth Warrick

**NEWS and SHORT SUBJECTS**

**WEDNESDAY THURSDAY**

**"GREEN DOLPHIN STREET"**

Van Heflin Lana Turner

FRIDAY SATURDAY

Walt Disney's **"MELODY TIME"**

Also . . .

**"HEADING FOR HEAVEN"**

Stuart Erwin Glenda Farrell

FREE KIDS MATINEE SATURDAY

## Playing at the Theatres

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Double Feature

**HIGH FURY**

with

MADELEINE CARROLL

IAN HUNTER

A Mountain Top Tense Dram

Plus 2nd. Feature

**URUBU**

ALL NATIVE CAST

**NEWS and SHORT SUBJECTS**

# 1950's

Firth Main Street - about 1950's.

Berggren Brothers - about 950. Paul Berggren on left, driving his R. Moline tractor and brother, Glen, driving his Z.A. Moline tractor.

**1950**
Census figures indicate U.S. population of 150,697,361.

**1951**
Employment of women outside the home reaches peak of 19.3 million.

**1952**
TV Guide magazine is founded.

**November 1, 1952**
- The first hydrogen bomb is exploded by the United States.

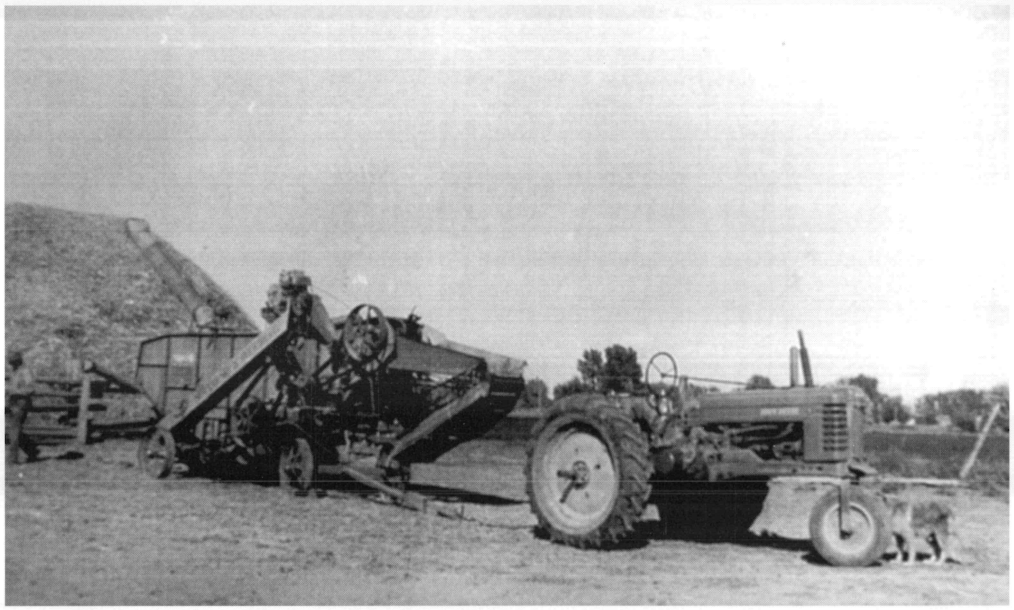
**November 4, 1952**
Dwight D. Eisenhower is elected president.

**July 27, 1953**
Fighting ends in Korea.

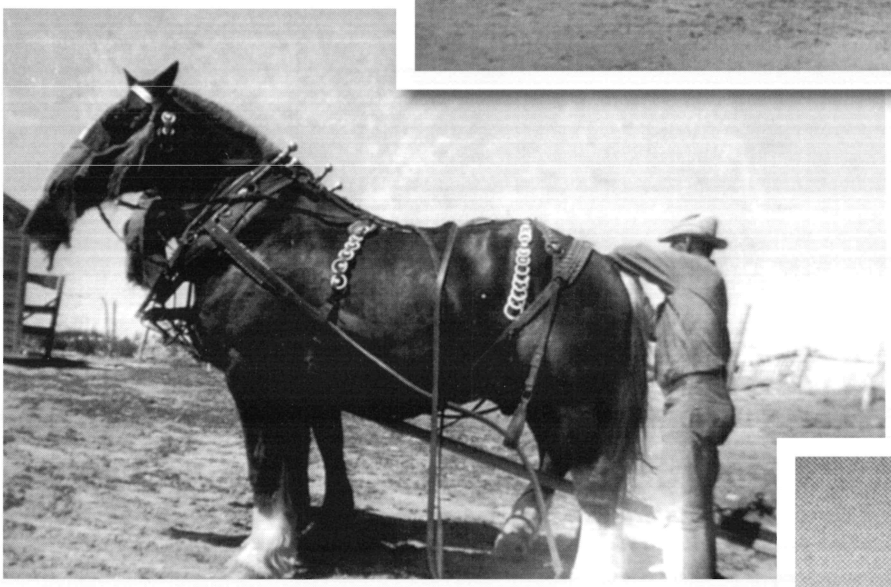
**1954**
Sak polio vaccine is developed.

**1955**
Tranquilizers come into widespread use.

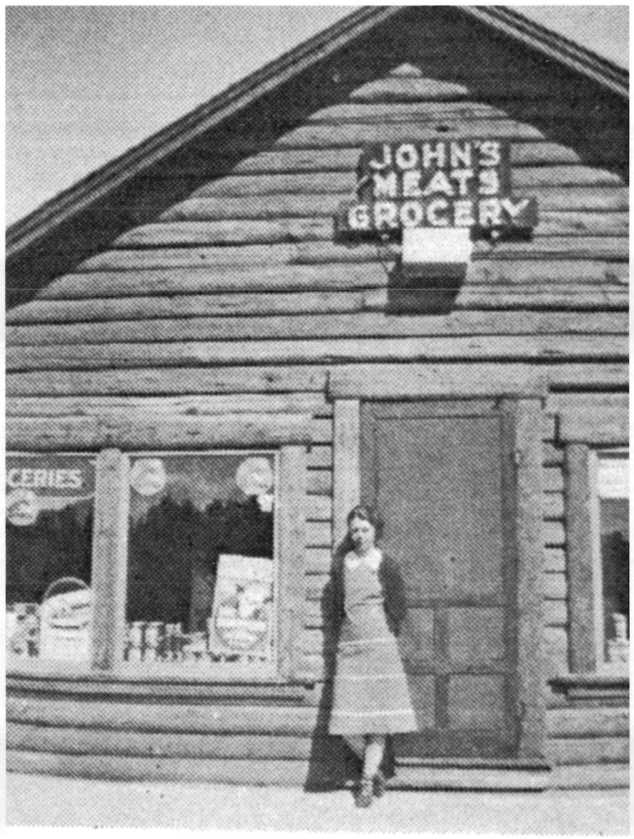
**June 29, 1956**
Federal Interstate Highway Act is signed, marking the beginning of an extensive interstate highway building program.



Nelson Threshing Machine and John Deere Tractor - 1950's?



Horse pulling outfit - 1950.




Norma Johns in front of Johns Grocery Store - near the early 1950's?

Elementary Parade, Dave Brewington in buggy, being pushed by Fred Mundt. Ted Reid is Humphrey Pennyworth, 4th boy unidentified - 1958?

Firth City Park Merry-go-round - 1950.
Sophomore Class Officers: L to R,
John Collet - Secretary, Evelyn Cook - President, Kay McCurdy - Vice President.

1959 - 7th Grade.
L to R (top row): Jon Chabis, Kent Tew, Ted Reid, Ralph Bolander, Richard Mathison, Terry Staples, Jimmy Loften, Timmy Swenson, Martha Jane ? (middle row) Teacher - Jerry Reid, Anna Mae McSpadden, David Brewington, Fred Mundt, Dee Peterson, Martha Dye, Sonja Tew, Johnny Bartausky, LaMaun Lyons (bottom row) Kathy Hall, Margaret Pratt, Marilyn Johnson, Marjorie Bolander, Patsy McCracken, Carol Rudd, Aloma Hillman, Sheryl Crofts.

# Firth Gets Dial Phones Ward Again in Custody

## Sweet-Voiced "Number Please" Gone; Mechanical Age Answers With Buzz

By Ben Kuroki

At 1:30 this afternoon, 219 residents of the Firth-Basalt area went modern . . . with dial telephones, dents of Firth and Basalt "urban" areas is one to four party lines. Outside the city limits not more than seven phones will be on one line.

## New Dial Telephone Unit To Be Installed At Firth

Mr. C. L. Sherman, manager for the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, announced today that installation of a new dial unit in Firth will be completed the latter part of April.

New dial equipment of the latest type is being installed at Firth at a cost of approximately $35,000.00. Outside plant construction, mainly cable and aerial wire circuits, will cost an additional $15,000.00. The new installation will provide urban grades of service to the Firth-Basalt community.

Subscribers in the Firth-Basalt area are presently being served by ruarl lines from the Shelley Exchange. These subscribers, numbering approximately 220, will be connected to the new dial unit at Firth. In addition outside plant facilities will be provided to care for the present unfilled orders in this area. Firth-Basalt and Shelley subscribers will dial each other direct on a toll free basis. Special code numbers will be assigned for this inter-exchange calling and full instructions will be given to users prior to completion of the project. A temporary directory, containing instructions on dialing, will be issued prior to the opening of the new dial unit.

Mr. Sherman explained that because of the changed method of operation it will be necessary to change many numbers at both Firth and Shelley. Subscribers within Firth-Basalt have already been interviewed to enable them to select the grade of service best suited to their requirements.

The sizeable investment required to bring the latest type of service to the residents of Firth-Basalt is evidence of the Telephone Company's desire to provide the best grade of service possible and expresses their confidence in the future of this area. The expansion of these facilities is associated with the $18,000,000 telephone expansion program for the State of Idaho.

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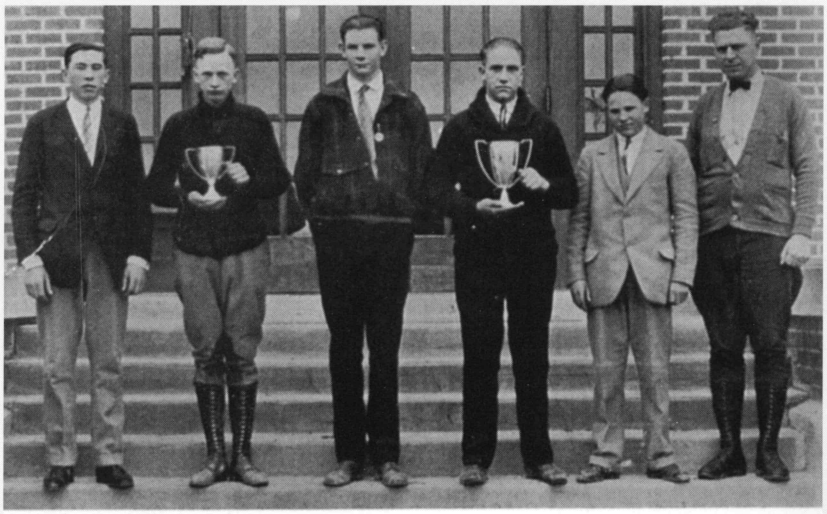
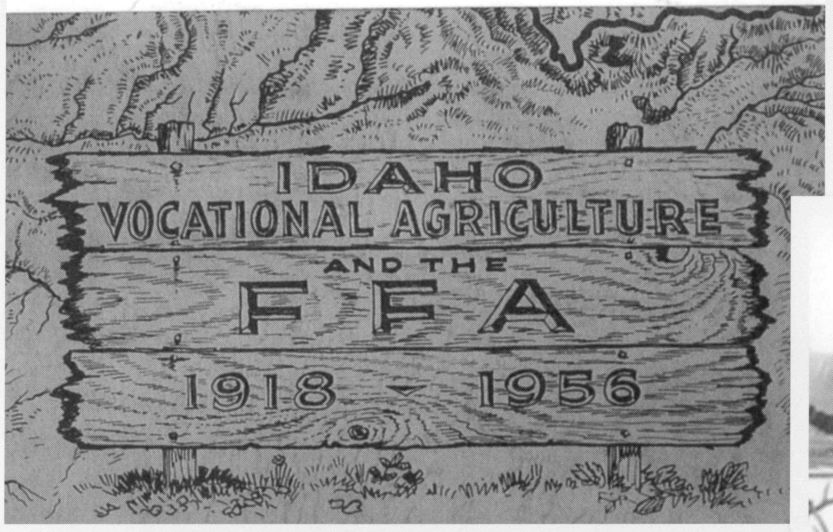
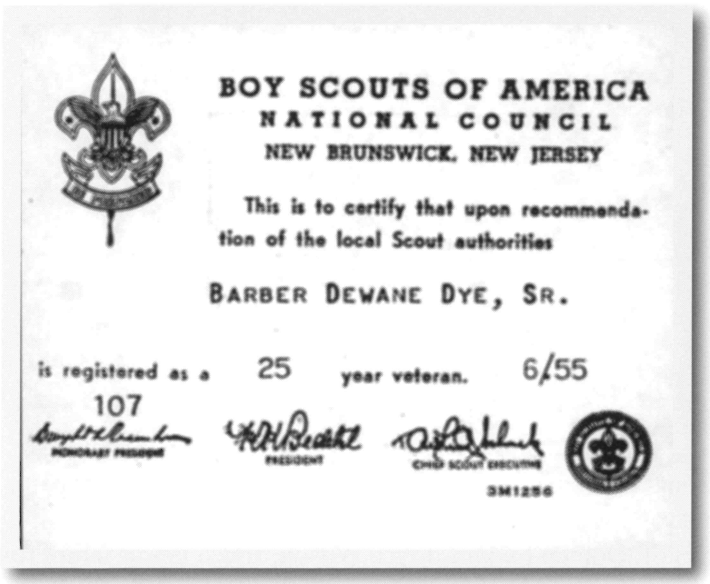





Top: Firth Judging Team of 1926, L to R: Walt Christensen, Fred Nelson, Bill Coon, Warren Dye, Glen Holm, C.D. Bechtolt, Instructor
Below: Cover of FFA booklet from 1918 to 1956



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL COUNCIL
NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

This is to certify that upon recommendation of the local Scout authorities

BARBER DEWANE DYE, SR.

is registered as a 25 year veteran. 6/55

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HONORARY PRESIDENT — PRESIDENT — CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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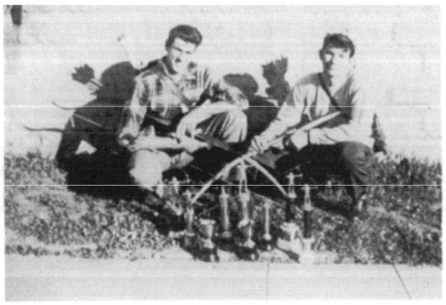
Scout Jamboree, L to R: unknown, Barber Dye, Victor Kotter - 1953.

Firth High School Marching Band and Twirlers - 1950

Idaho's Senior Senator
Glen Taylor

Distinguished Guest Speakers for Firth High - 1950
Gov. C.A. Robins and Glen Taylor

Toy Dill



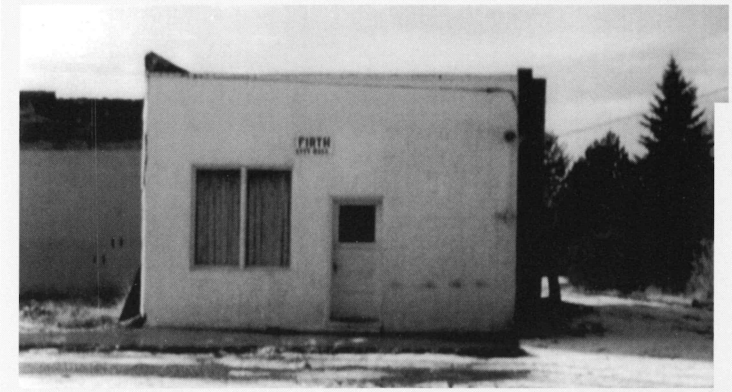
Bob Dill

National Champion Archers of 1948

1950 Firth Graduates

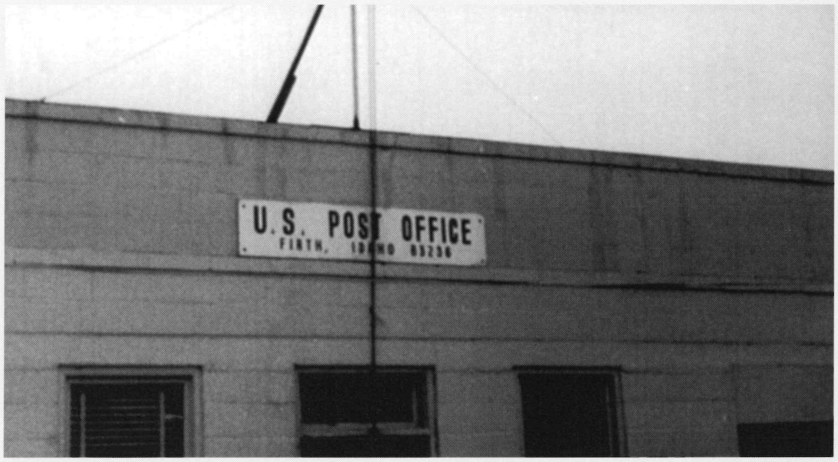
Front row: Kay Rowley, Enoch Hansen, Kenneth Staples, Ronald Marsden, Carol Mecham, Elaine Swensen, Kenneth Freeman, Kent Ockerman, Lynn Dunn, Frank Bailey. Second row: Rea Harker, Bonnie Snarr, Colleen Charlesworth, Arlene Bowman, Speaker - Gov. C.A. Robins, Marlene Tschikof, Doreen Lydum, Joyce Wilson, Joyce Eaton. Third row: Deaune Adolfson, Carma Harker, Theda Tolman, Lalah Nielsen, Karilyn Roundy, BoDean Butler, Betty Palleria, Betty Dye, Helen Casper. Back row: Bill Heaton, Henry Brown, Daren Nelson, Reid Larsen, Jerry Hjelm, Raymond Cooper, Hal Monson, Joe Gardner, Lloyd Rogers, Norman Croft, Jerry Burgon, Glen Spalding, Norman Dye, Boyd Lyon, Leon Esplin, Dean Anderson.

# 1960's




Firth City Hall - 1960's

Larson's Trading Post - 1960's




Firth U.S. Post Office - 1960.

January 20, 1961 - John F. Kennedy is sworn in as the thirty-fifth president of the United States.

August 28 - The landmark March on Washington is nationally televised, bringing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech - and demands for equal rights for African American - to the entire country.

November 22 - President Kennedy is fatally shot in Dalls, Texas; Vice President Lyndon Johnson is sworn in as president, and the country goes into mourning.

October 3, 1965 - Immigration quotas by ethnic origin are abolished by the Immigration Act. This raises quotas for the Western Hemisphere to 120,000, and immigrants from other countries to 170,000. President Johnson encourages refugees from oppressive governments to seek a new home in the United States.

July 30, 1965 - Medicare goes into effect, providing a medical safety net for American elderly.

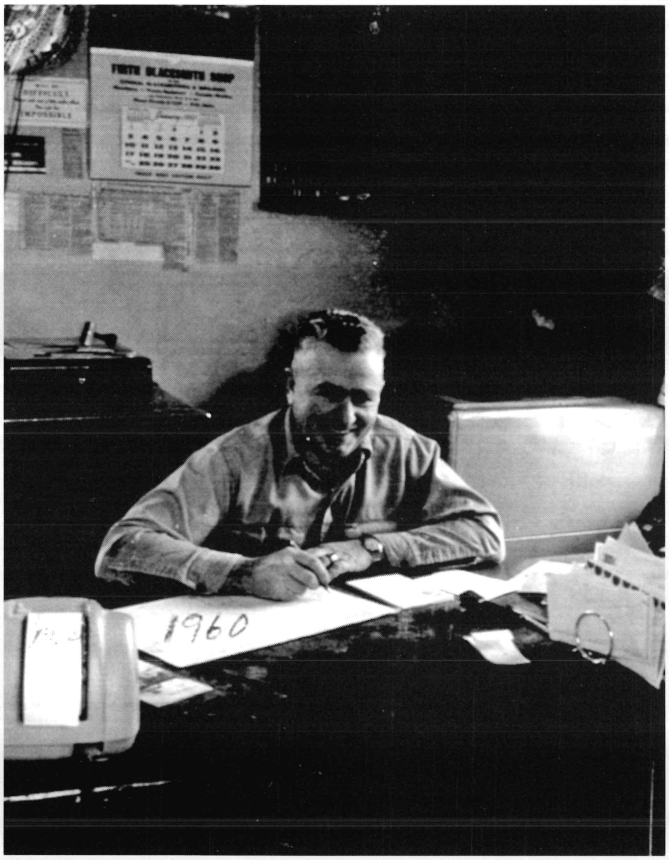
March 31 - President Johnson pulls back bombing of North Vietnam and announces he will not seek or accept reelection.

April 4 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated in Memphie, Tennessee. Riots erupt in 125 cities.

May 10, 1968 - Paris peace talks begin between the United States and North Vietnam.

Warren Dye family harvesting the potato crop - October 1965.

The Firth Mill




Hyrum Mecham purchased the Firth Mill and Elevator in 1952, then in 1961, he also purchased the Midland Elevator, both of which he owned and operated until 1971, when his health forced him to sell. Claude Mecham has owned it since that time.

The John and Elgena Lyon home, built in 1924 and their barn, built about 1917.

John Joseph Lyon and Elgena Johanna Lyon on their 60th Wedding Annivesary - 1963.

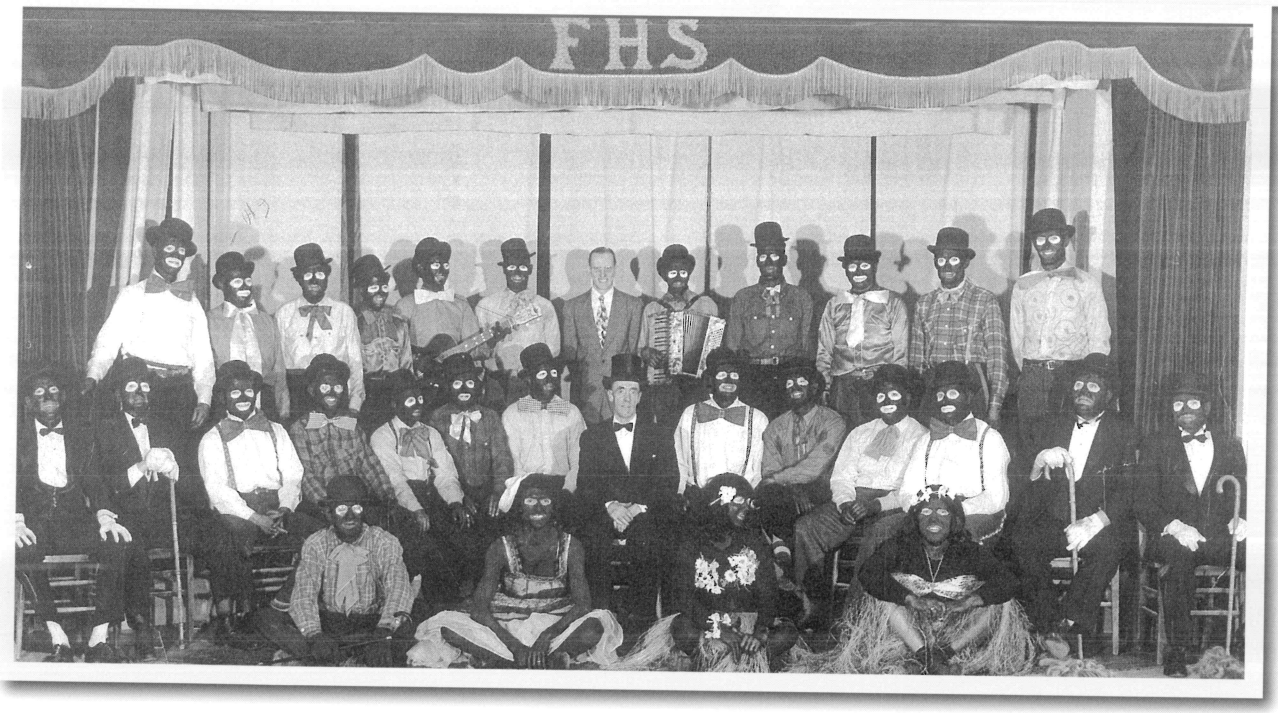
Firth Ward Relief Society Presidency, standing L to R: Ada Johnson, Nora Bolander; sitting L to R: Alexia Chapman, Ruth Dye, president, Ida Gardner - 1961.

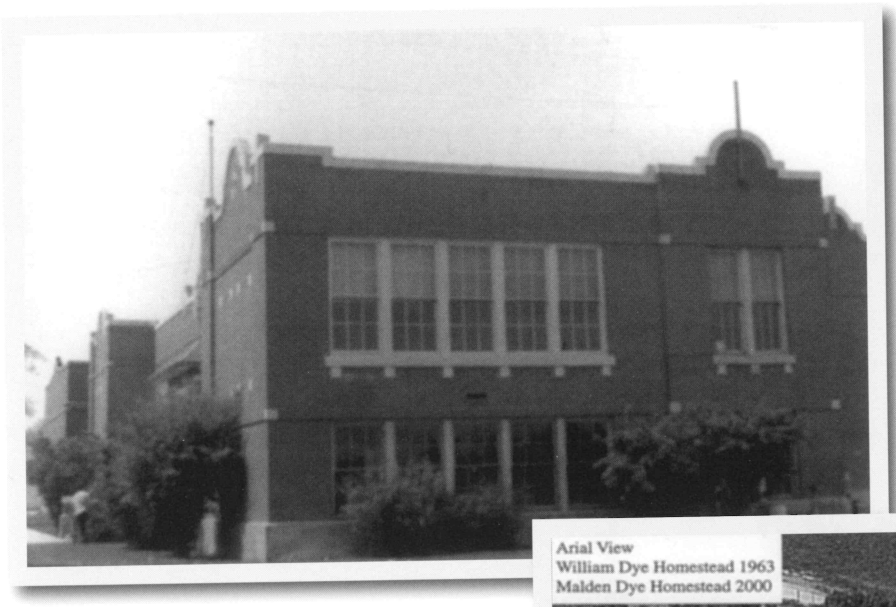
Firth Lion's Club members pose for a picture - 1960's. Lion's Club meetings were held in Firth from 1931 until the mid 1970's.

The changing of officers in the Firth Lion's Club - 1960's

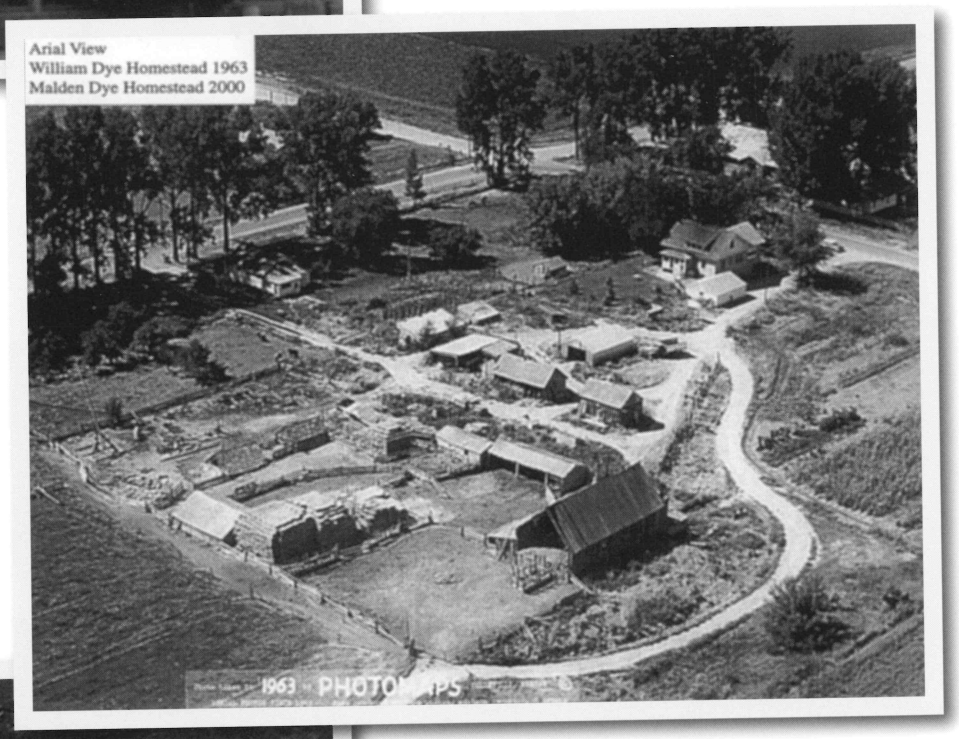
NEW LIONS IN FIRTH. The presiding gavel passed hands at the Stardust Cafe Thursday night as the Firth Lions met and installed newly elected officers. New president Elmer John (right) takes the gavel from outgoing President Hyram Mecham (left). They flank Ellis Williams, director and Floyd Hillman, secretary.
--News photo.

Lyon's Club Negro Minstrel - The Good Ole Days - 1960's.



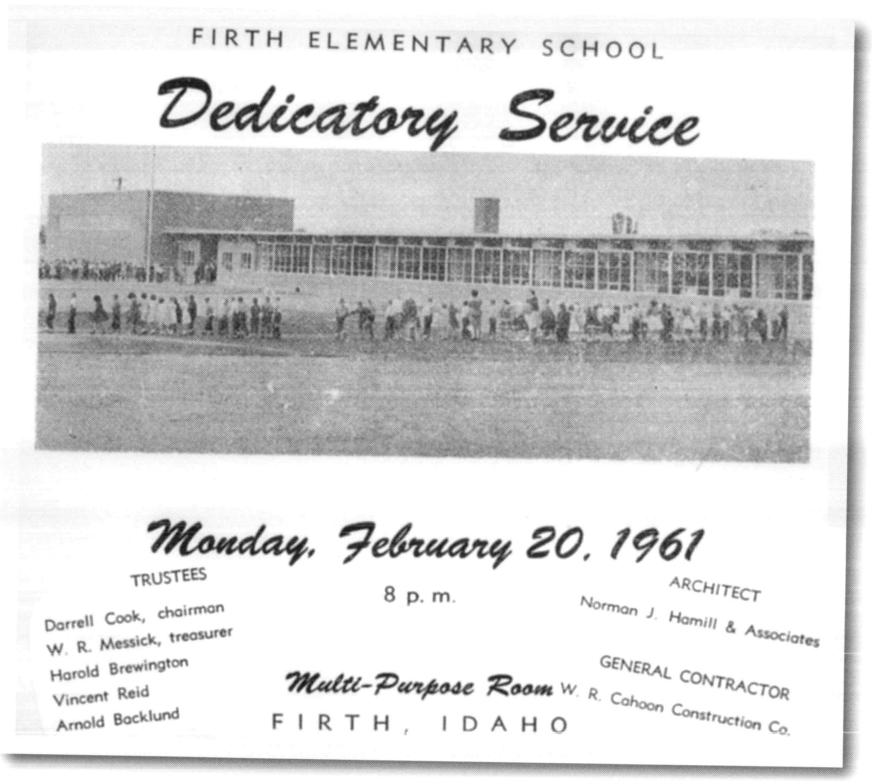


View of north end of Firth High School building - 1963.




Aerial photo of Malden Dye homestead - 1963.

Aerial photo of William Dye hoestead - 1963.



FIRTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dedicatory Service

Monday, February 20, 1961

8 p. m.

TRUSTEES

Darrell Cook, chairman
W. R. Messick, treasurer
Harold Brewington
Vincent Reid
Arnold Backlund

ARCHITECT

Norman J. Hamill & Associates

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

W. R. Cahoon Construction Co.

Multi-Purpose Room

FIRTH, IDAHO

School Board

WILLIAM R. MESSICK
Treasurer

HAROLD BREWINGTON
Chairman

VINCENT REID
Member

CLARK E. BELL
Clerk

ARNOLD BACKLUND
Member

DARRELL L. COOK
Member

School Board - 1960.

Administration

School Board

Mr. Handy

Mr. Meek

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Administration - 1968.

# Firth Junior High Panthers 1968

8TH Grade Captain & Best Player of the year.
Kim Leavitt
John Taylor

7TH Grade Captain & Best Player of the Year.
Casey Reid
Dan Horkley

| 8th Grade | | | | 7th Grade | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shelley | 43 | Firth | 11 | Ririe | 15 | Firth | 17 |
| Ririe | 12 | Firth | 13 | Aberdeen | 45 | Firth | 23 |
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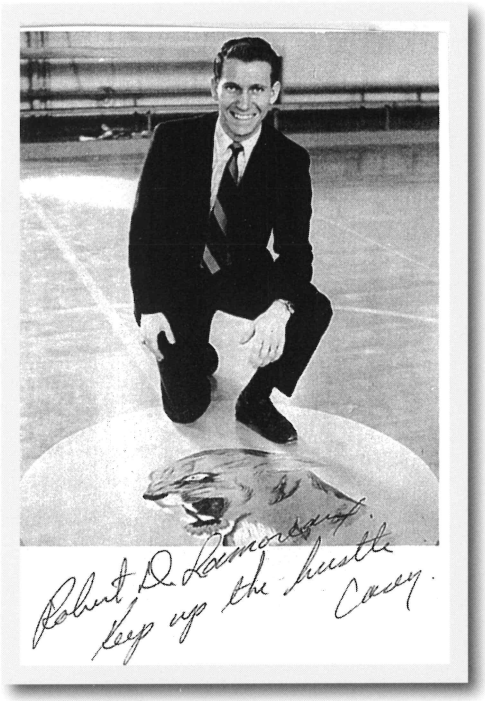
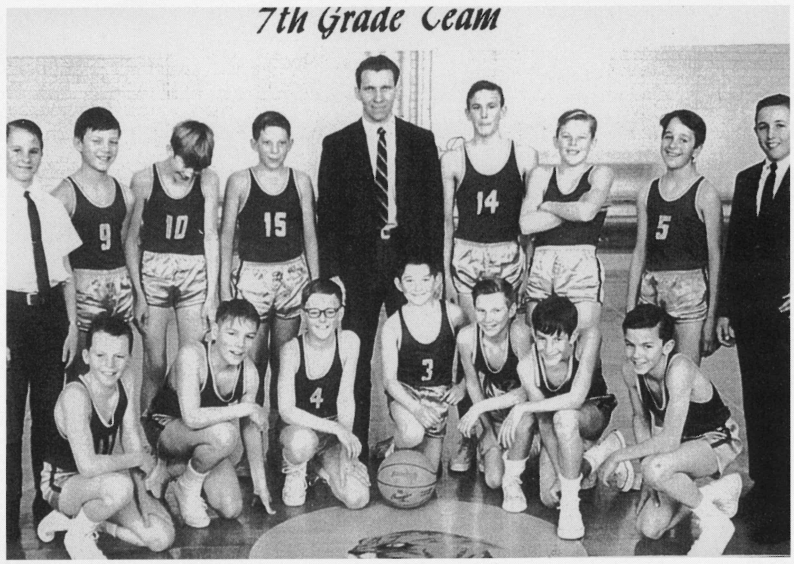


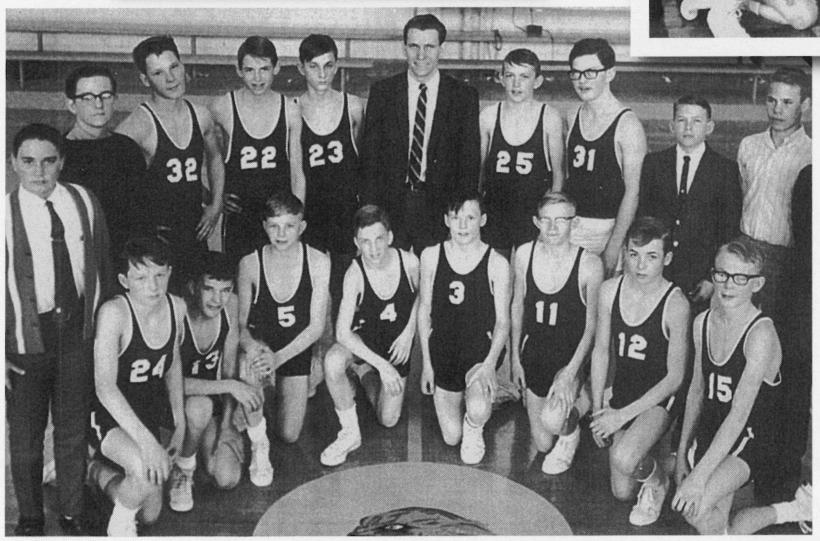

COACH LAMOREAUX

This has been Coach Lamoreaux first year with the Panthers and we have really appreciated all he has done for us. We appreciate his willingness and effort that he puts forth in helping the teams. We feel we really have a great Coach.

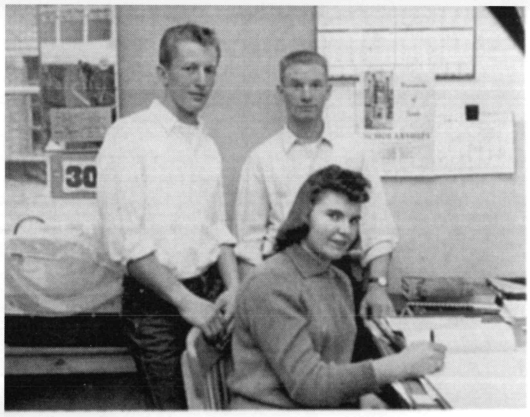
## 7th Grade Team



## 8th Grade Basketball Team



Elementary School Teachers: Back row L to R: ??, Mrs. Hall, Genevieve Weatherston, Vida Christensen, Lorraine Taylor; Middle row L to R: Principal - Mr. Johnson, Neva Nungester, Verle Kotter, Florence Dye, Gertrude Morris, Harding Gibbs; Front row L to R: Mrs. Allen, Anna Adamak, Mrs. Pratt, Lenore Christensen, Iris Just, Irene Whitworth.



*Student Body Officers*

BILL ALDER
President

DICK LONG
Vice President

BARBARA REID
Secretary

# Firth School Custodian Lists 37 Years Of Duty

(Special To The Post-Register)

FIRTH, May 23—Come August and Earl Humphries will have made a clean sweep of 37 years as custodian of the Firth High School.

During this time he has attended commencement for each of his five children as they graduated in turn from high school. With the beginning of the 1962-63 term, he will see the first of his 14 grandchildren enter Firth High School.

At the time Humphries began his custodial duties, Firth was a rural high school. In 1953 the district consolidated, becoming School District 59.

Only twice has major circumstances entered to interfere with his being on the job daily, other than regular vacation periods. In 1955 he was incapacitated with a splintered elbow bone, sustained while repairing a water pipe and again in 1961 when he was confined to his home with a virus infection.

During his 37 years of custodian, Humphries has served under 11 principals and two superintendents —Max Snow and Ellis Williams.

EARL Humphries, above, who has been Firth High School custodian since August, 1925.

Earl Humphries worked as a school custodian for 37 years and retired in 1964.

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# 1970's

**April 1, 1970**
Major offensive launched by North Vietnamese.

**April 22, 1970**
First Earth Day celebrated.

**April 30, 1970**
Nixon orders thirty thousand U.S. troops sent into Cambodia.

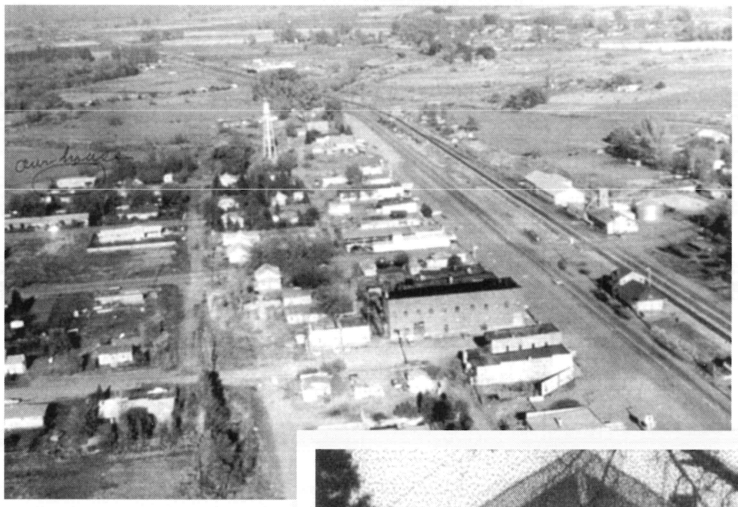
**Jaunary 16, 1972**
American religious leaders call for an end to the war in Vietnam.

**May 2**
Nixon becomes the first U.S. president to visit Moscow; he signs a nuclear arms treaty.

**October 2**
Nixon orders rationing of heating oil.

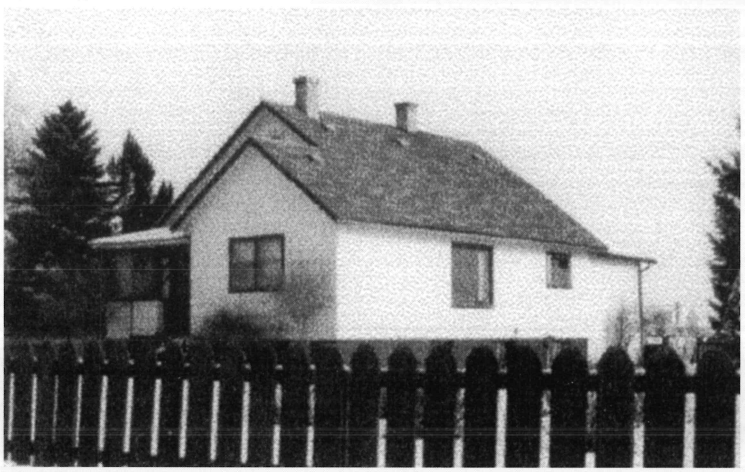
**April 17**
First women race in the Boston Marathon.

Home of Barber Dye family - 1970's



Aerial view of the Firth town site - 1971.

Home of William and Julia Dye - 1970's?



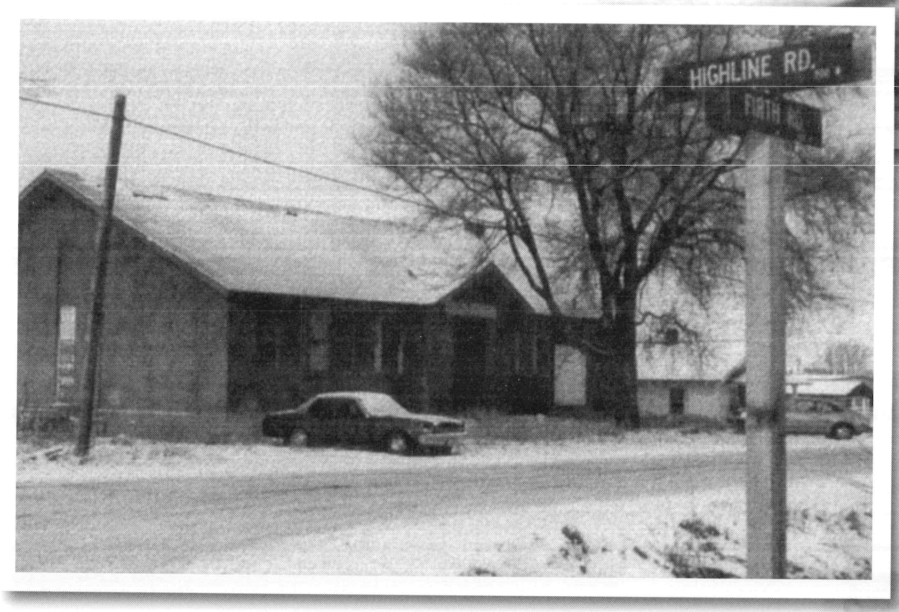
Home of Ezra and Ada Dye Johnson - 1970's.

Homemaker's Silver Tea - 1976. Three of the four charter members of the club are, from left, Lucille Hjelm, Mary Cederberg, and Helen Backlund.

Firth Homemakers Club: Founded in Nov. 18, 1950. Chartered Jan. 16, 1951.

Homemakers Club - 25 years Anniversary, 1976, Back Row L to R: Gladys Oliver, Ella Tshikof, Neva Nungester, Virginia Frederksen, Lena Nelson, Iris Just Adamson, Melvia Larsen, Olga Adolfson; Front Row L to R: Clara Killian, Kittie Blaire, Ebba Cederberg, Clara Johnson.

Firth Depot, C.T. Jones, Agent - 1976.

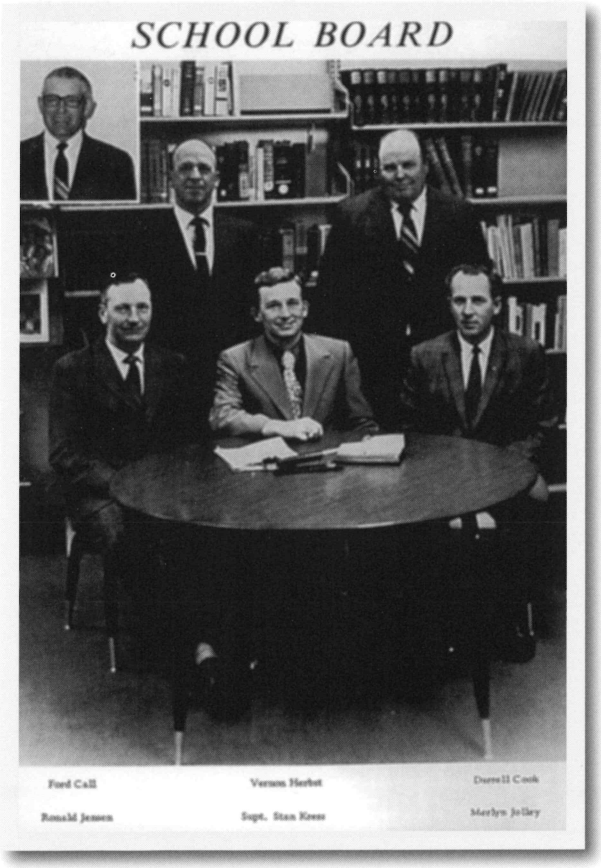



Old Firth Grade School on the corner of Highline and Firth Roads, with the home in the background, where the school principal and family lived - 1970's?

William Dye getting a drink from a watering hose, acrosss the road is the old Firth Grade School - 1970's.

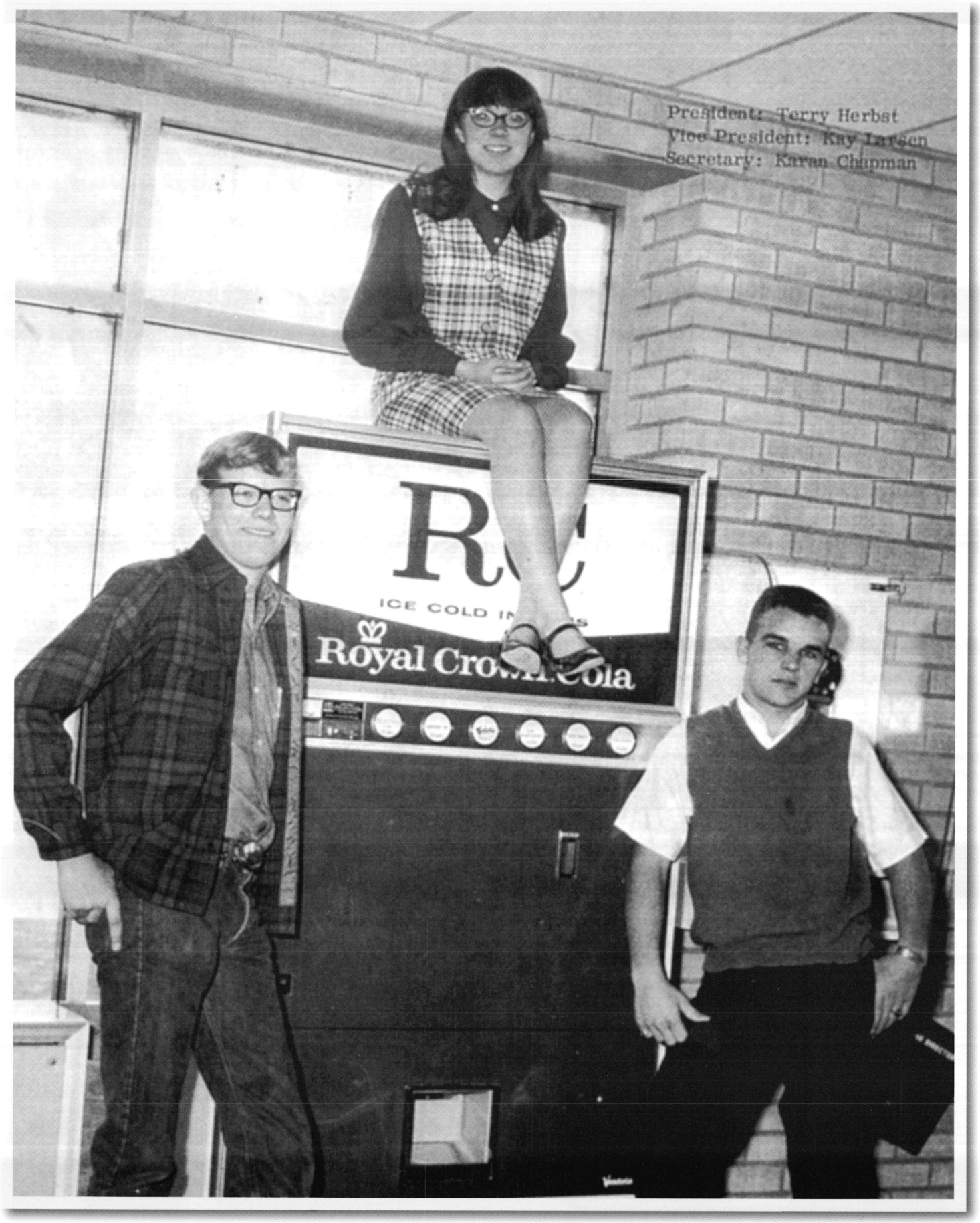
Members of the Firth Stake Presidency and High Council; seated L to R: Roderick Millar, Patriarch, Rone Clawson, 1st Counselor, Dale Christensen, Stake President, Gerald Oakey, 2nd Counselor, Lynn Spencer, Stake Clerk - 1970's.

Back row L to R: Lynn Dye, John Chapman, Lyle Hillman, L. Jay Cook, Reuel Dye, Charles Hyer, Robert Freeman, Cleone Jolley, Elwin Burke, Forrest Nulph, Dallas Murdock, Darwin Hopkins, Jack Stewart.




Firth School Board Members 1976.

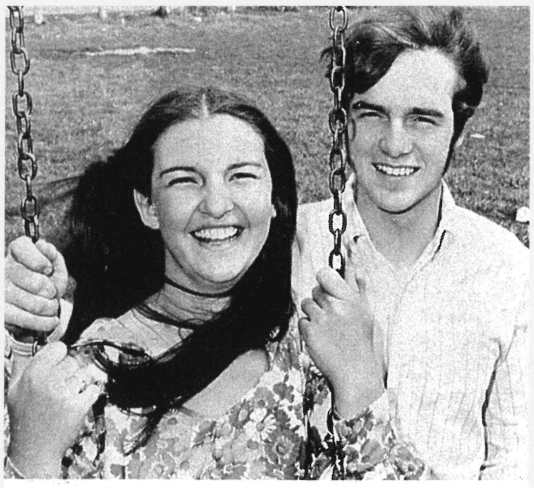
Firth Stake was created in September 1972, with Dale Christensen as Stake President, Gerald Searle and Rone Clawson as counselors - 1972.




Firth High Junior Class Officers, Vice Pres: Kay Larsen, Sec: Karen Chapman, Pres: Terry Herbst - 1970.

## Firth Sweethearts-1970

Lloyd Britain
Kitty Lindsay

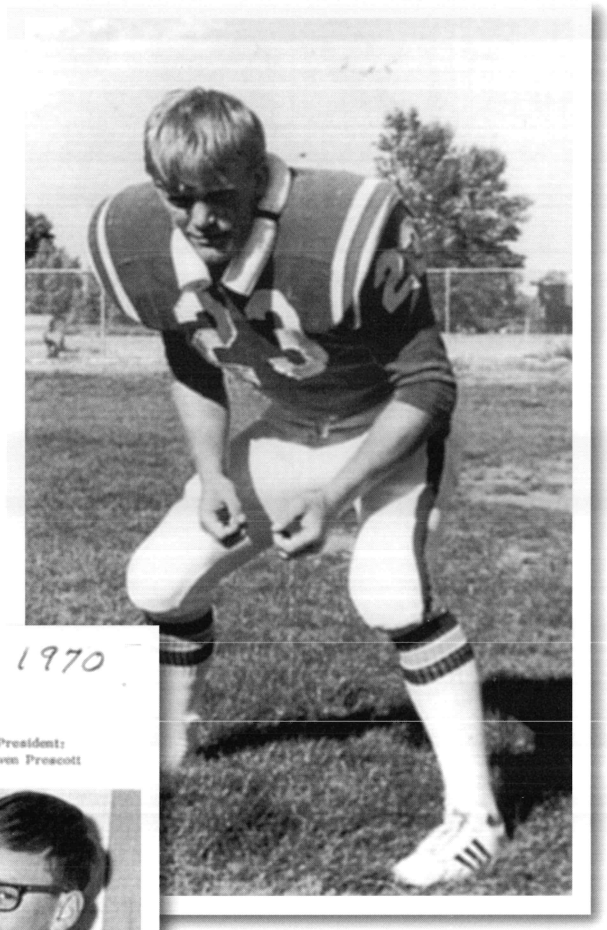


Vincent Crofts
Merle Reid

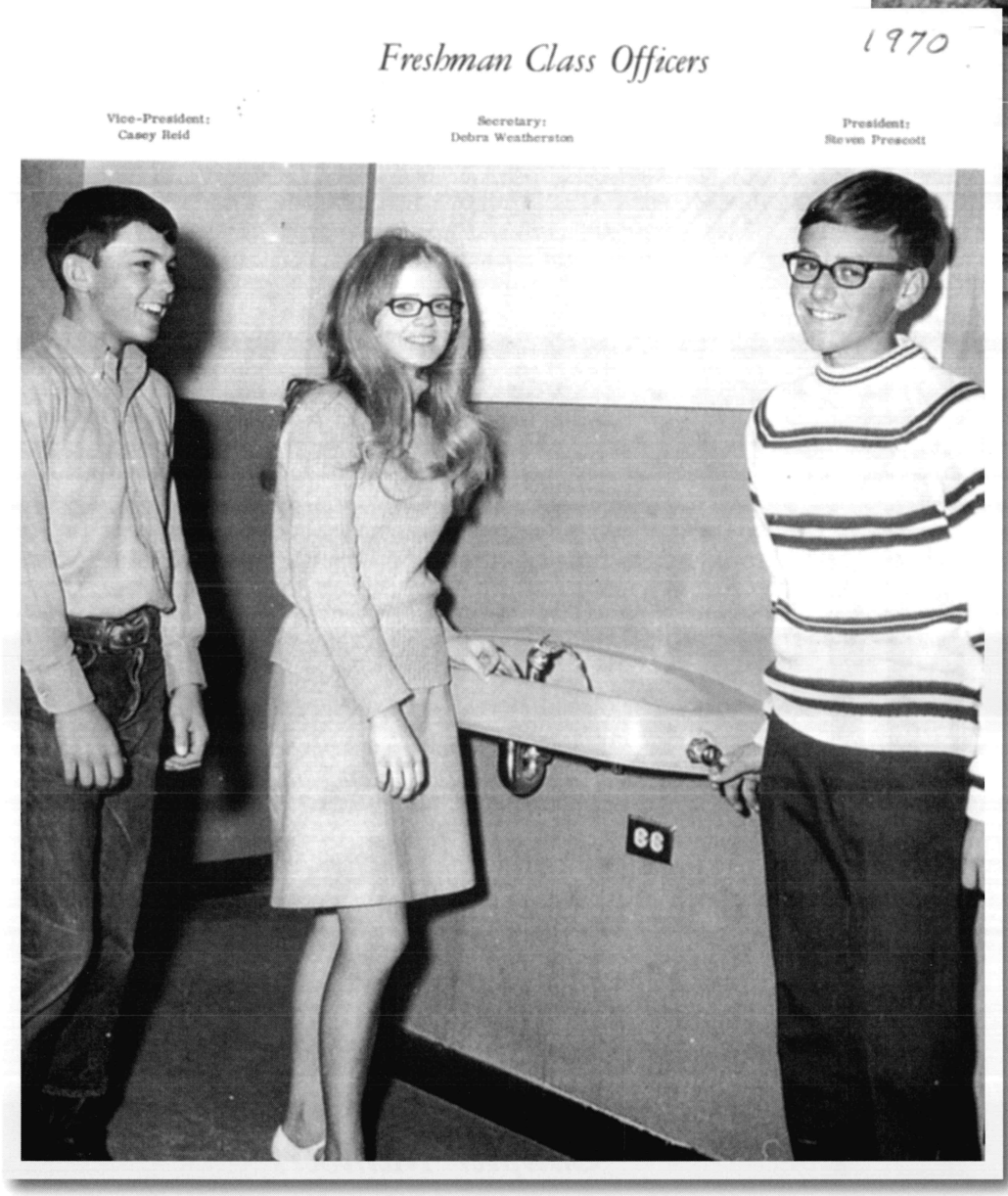
Steven Prescott
Melanie Clavson

*Chapter Members*

Wade Messick
Janet Carlson



Tim Wetherbee Football Star... State Champion in Wrestling 1973-1947



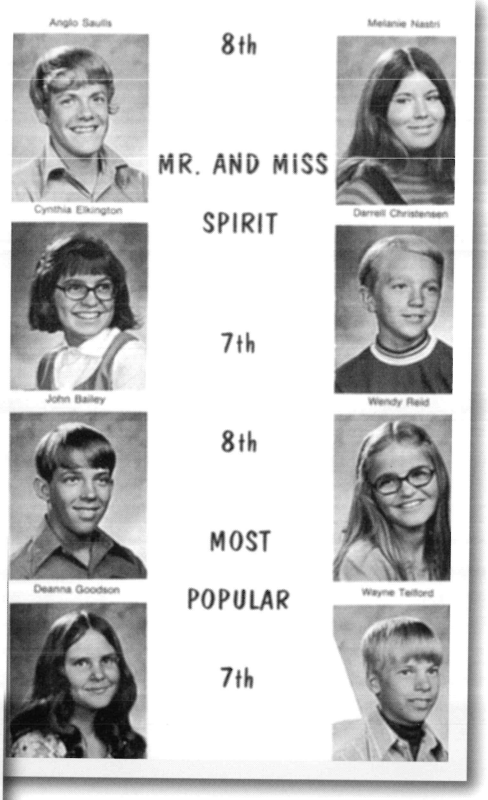

Freshman Class Officers: Casey Reid - Vice President, Debra Weatherston - Secretary, Steven Prescott - President - 1970.

Faculty - 1972 to 1973

Harding Gibbs Faculty - 1975 to 1976.

Firth School Aide Eva Nelson... Mrs. Wiklund High School Secretary 1976

Cooks for the Firth Schools - 1976. Mrs. Staples, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Fullmer, Mrs. Steffler, Mrs. Childs, Boss: Mrs. Norma Miles.




7th and 8th Grade Junior High - Most Spirit, Most Popular - 1972-1973

Faculty 1975-1976

# 7TH CHEERLEADERS

Cheer Princes: Holly Whittle, Kathy Howell

Beckie Adolfson

We, the cheerleaders, would like to thank everyone for their support and spirit. We couldn't have done it alone. It has been an everlasting experience, and we hope we have contributed to the spirit of our school.

Becky Adolfson

7th Grade Cheerleaders - 1976.

8TH GRADE — **Left to right:** Monte Peterson, David Mecham, Don Chapman, Tad Cox, David Crooks, Robert Benkenstein, Stan Van Buren, Coach Wharton, Craig Lyon, Matt Fullenwider, Cliff Reid, Blair Lyon, Scott Adolfson, Donny Collett, Brian Johnson. **Kneeling:** Brad Hudson, Curtis Hansen.

Harding Gibbs 8th Grade Basketball Team 1975 - 1976.

Harding Gibbs Junior High 8th Grade Cheerleaders - 1972-1973.

Tana Freeman, Dalena Benkenstein, Janette Hopkins, Advisor Mrs. Reid. Seated; Brenda Gifford, Marva Hopkins, Carmen Jones.

Pep Club Officers - 1979.

Some of the High School Faculty members of 1979-1980 - A Great Year!

# Idaho dam victims count losses

Examiner News Services

IDAHO FALLS—The number of persons missing in the Teton Dam disaster dropped to less than 50 today, but the cost in damage to property, crops and livestock soared.

Many of those at first feared lost in the torrent of mud and water from the dam burst turned up safe at the homes of relatives. A group of Boy Scouts on an outing below the dam were among those found.

Some of the persons still unaccounted for may never be found under the mud.

As local officials began a close look at the devastation they raised their estimate of losses to $1 billion and said it could go higher. A state agriculture official said that unless emergency drainage work is completed in a few days another half million acres of irrigated land could be lost.

The waters began dissipating yesterday — two days after the 310-foot earth-fill dam ruptured — and spilling into the American Falls Reservoir.

The floodwaters, which started at depths of 10 feet, had traveled nearly 100 miles through the upper Snake River valley. By the time they reached the American Falls reservoir they were less than a foot.

The last towns to feel the brunt of the flood were Blackfoot, with a population of 8800, and Firth, a community of 400. But no deaths or injuries were reported and the flood lost its impetus.

About 200 square miles, 30,000 to 40,000 acres of it fertile farmland, were covered by water.

Townspeople returning to their homes found them torn from their foundations or smashed beyond repair. Others treated more gently by the floodwaters were filled with mud.

Dead cattle were everywhere. National Guardsmen using dump trucks picked them up for burning in pits.

In Washington, the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee said it would investigate the collapse of the 307-foot-high dam, built for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation at a cost of $55 million.

One theory advanced yesterday is that water seepage may have hastened the collapse of the recently completed dam.

There was speculation, too, that a 1975 earthquake on the Idaho-Utah border could have damaged the dam, which is about 15 miles north of the tremor's epicenter.

U.S. Reclamation Commissioner Gilbert Stamm said it was the first time a bureau dam had collapsed.

**THE INUNDATED FARM COMMUNITY OF FIRTH, IDAHO**
Waters of the Snake River swept over the town of 300

AP Photo

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The break in the Teton Dam caused flooding in Firth - 1976.

The Teton Flood waters came to Firth - 1976.

Flood 1976 - Pete & Mary Lou Kontes house.

# 1980's

1980. Ed Hall on the left and Sam Collet planting a tree, donated by the Grange to the city of Firth.

**1980**

Carter declares U.S. will defend Persian Gulf.

Washington volcano Mount St. Helens erupts, 22 die.

Ford loses $595 million in 3rd quarter, largest corporate loss to date.

Reagan defeats Carter, 43 to 35 million.

Princess Grace of Monaco dies in auto crash

Poland outlaws solidarity

7 die from poisoned Tylenol in Chicago.

First artificial heart is implanted in Barney Clark, 61.

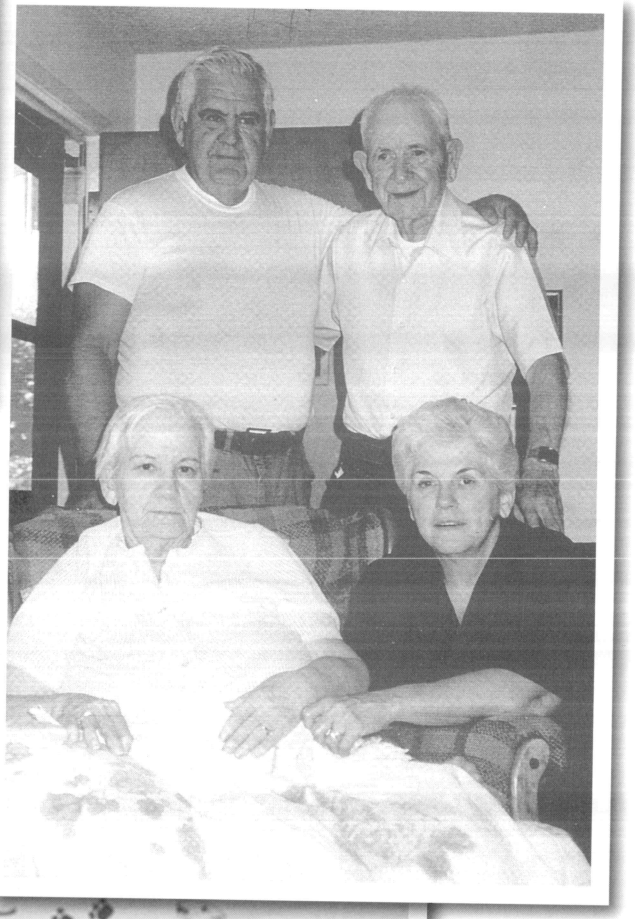
Warren and Florence Dye children; standing L to R: Jay, Joy, Martha, Roger; seated L to R: LaNell, Myrna, Julie - 1982.

Ida and Clyde Gardner, Florence Hanny, Mary Alice and Warren Dye, Vita Dye - 1980's.

Teacher Memorial - Former students of Frances C. Moore remembered their mentor who died recently by establishing a memorial in her name this week in Firth. Taking part in the memorial were, standing from left, Barbara Hughes, librarian; Supt. Bert Nixon; George Gunnarson; Bill Messick; High School Principal John tucker; and Middle School Principal Wayne Simmons. Seated, from left, are Ida Peterson; Josie Webb; Bessie Miller; Iris Adamson, and Phyllis Robinson.

The old Firth Grade School being burned down to be replaced by a home.

Homemakers Club 1985
Top row, L to R: Neva Jones, Joann Nelson, Mary Lou Kontes, Violet Wiklund, Leah Brewington. Middle row: Joyce Rishel, Iris Adamson, Vi Swenson, Edith Swenson, Francis Hall. Front row: Bertha Jones, Ebba Cederberg, Neva Nungester, Lena Nelson.



Harold Brighton gave haircuts in his barber shop for over 47 years. He gave all children, after cutting their hair, 5 cents to buy an ice cream cone at the next door Firth Drug Store. Harold Brighton, top right of the picture with son, Norman on the left. Seated, (left) is Harold's wife, Bertha and daughter, DeeAnn.

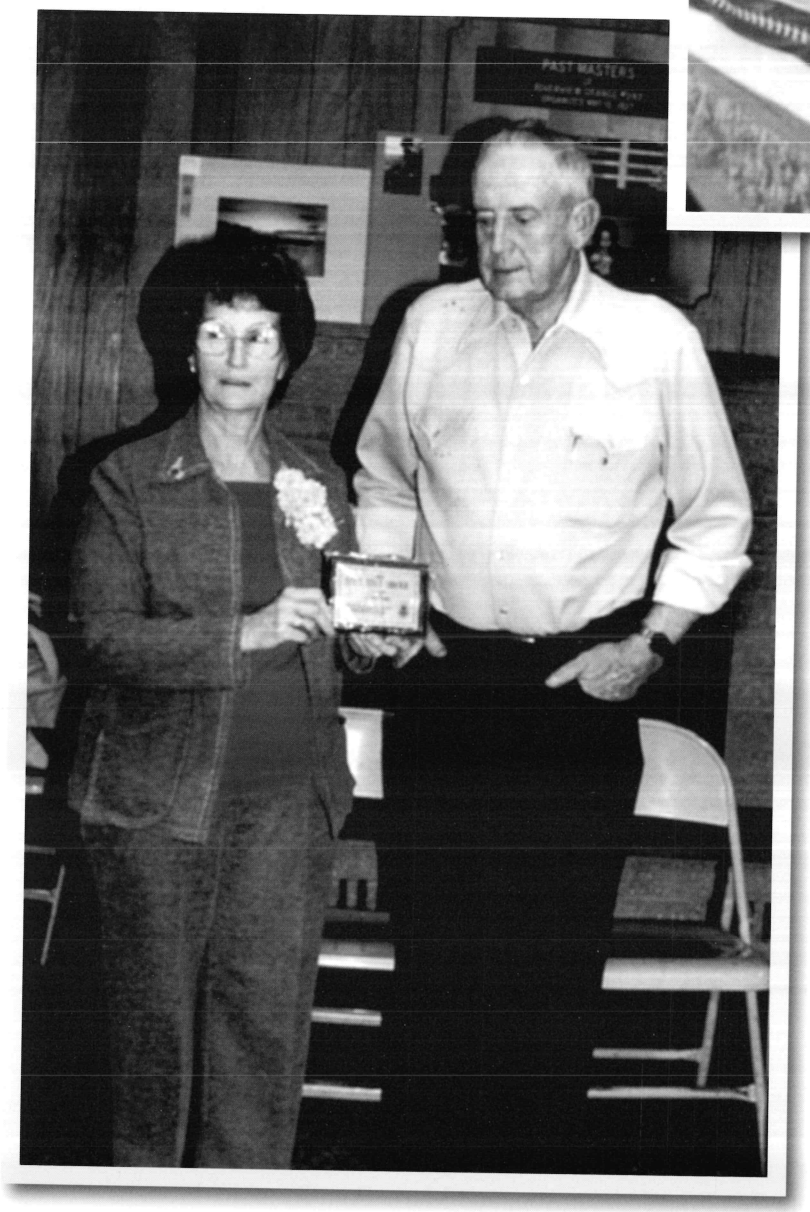
Firth High School class of 1936-37, at 50th class reunion. 1987.

50-Year Reunion - Alvin Morgan and Frances C. Moore were teachers at Firth High School in 1930 and attended the 50th class reunion of their former students. William R. Messick of Basalt, right, was chairman of the event, which was held Saturday at the Eugene Jorgensen home in Firth. (Pioneer Photo)

Swing Choir - Back row: David Crooks, Tad Cox, Don Chapman, Cliff Reid, Mike Hillman, Sonny Morris, Joel Dye, Monte Petersen. Middle Row; Denise Collettt, Korreen Speas, Deanne Dye, Denise Freeman, Melanie Esplin, Raelyn Crofts, Advisor Mr. Harker. Front Row; Vicky Johnson, Jenada Miles, Lynette Cook, Diane Carlile, Katheryn Fielding, Cindy Petersen.

50th Firth High Reunion - Members of the Firth High School graduating class of 1930 celebrated their 50th high school reunion Saturday at the Eugene Jorgensen home in Firth. Attending were, back row from left: Roland Larsen, James Stringham, George Gunnarson, Wayne Wadsworth, Rodney Hansen, Tom Nelson, Freda Twitchell Whittington, Class Sponsor Alvin Morgan, Phyllis Just Robinson, Eugene Jorgensen, Etha Quinn Dye and William Messick. Middle row: Ida Broeggar Peterson, Zella Christensen Varney, Cleora Hansen Summers, Glenna Wilkie Hillyer, Norma Hess John, Beaulah Fisher Selders, Class Sponsor Frances C. Moore, Iris Pratt J. Adamson, and Marie Pratt Rumble. Front row: ;Dohl Hutchinson Jorgensen, Josie Teeples Webb, Ethel Dye Harker, Iola Ballard Summers, Mae Tufts Greenwood, and Bessie Criddle Miller. (Pioneer Photo)

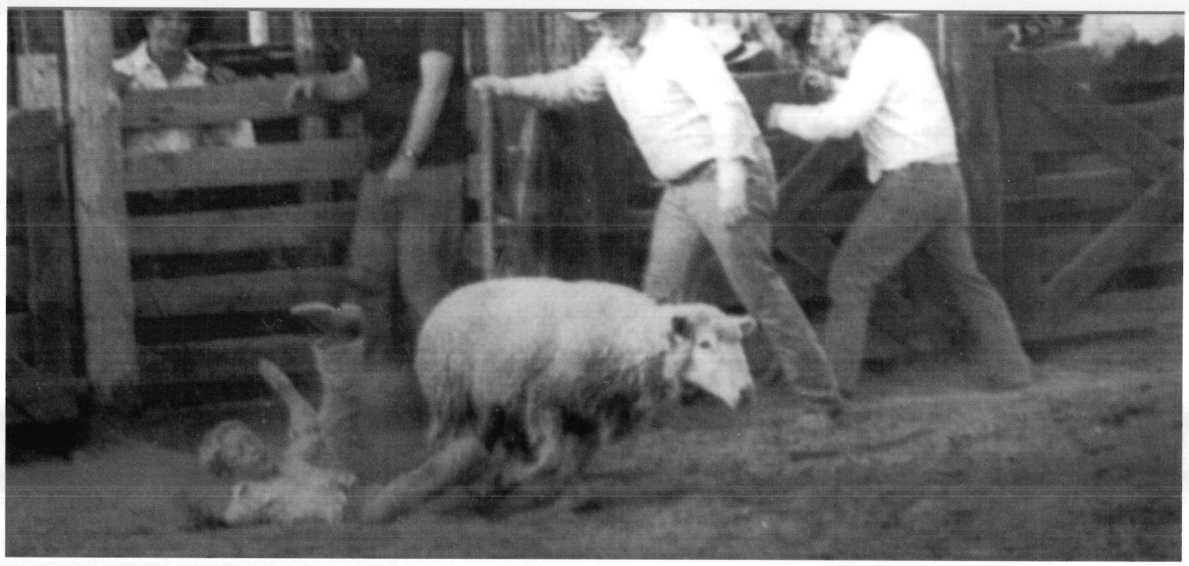
Buckaroo Rodeo Parade 1985. Our proud Scouts, what a young crew!




1984 - Leah and Harold Brewington receiving their State Grange "Couple of the Year" award.

Little Buckaroo Rodeo Parade 1985. Firth Homemakers Club float - back, Bonnie Pratt, Violet Wiklund, Joyce Rishel, Neva Jones, driver Joann Nelson, 1925 Hug truck: owned by Van Nelson and Jim Kontes.

Little Buckaroo Rodeo Grand Marshall, Mrs. Kittie Blair. Jim Kontes driving his car.



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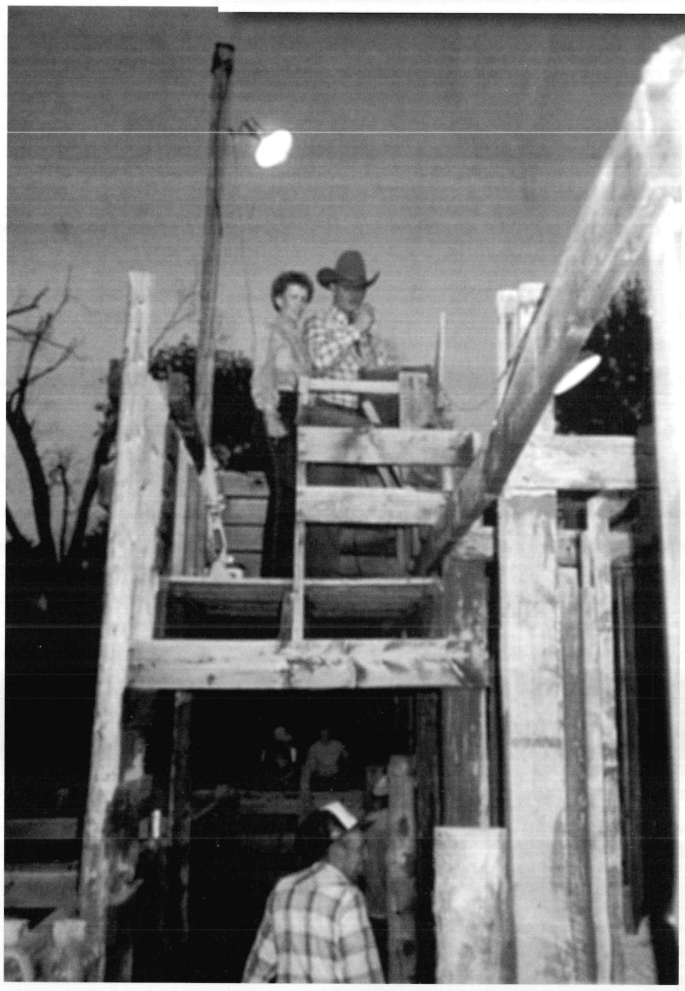
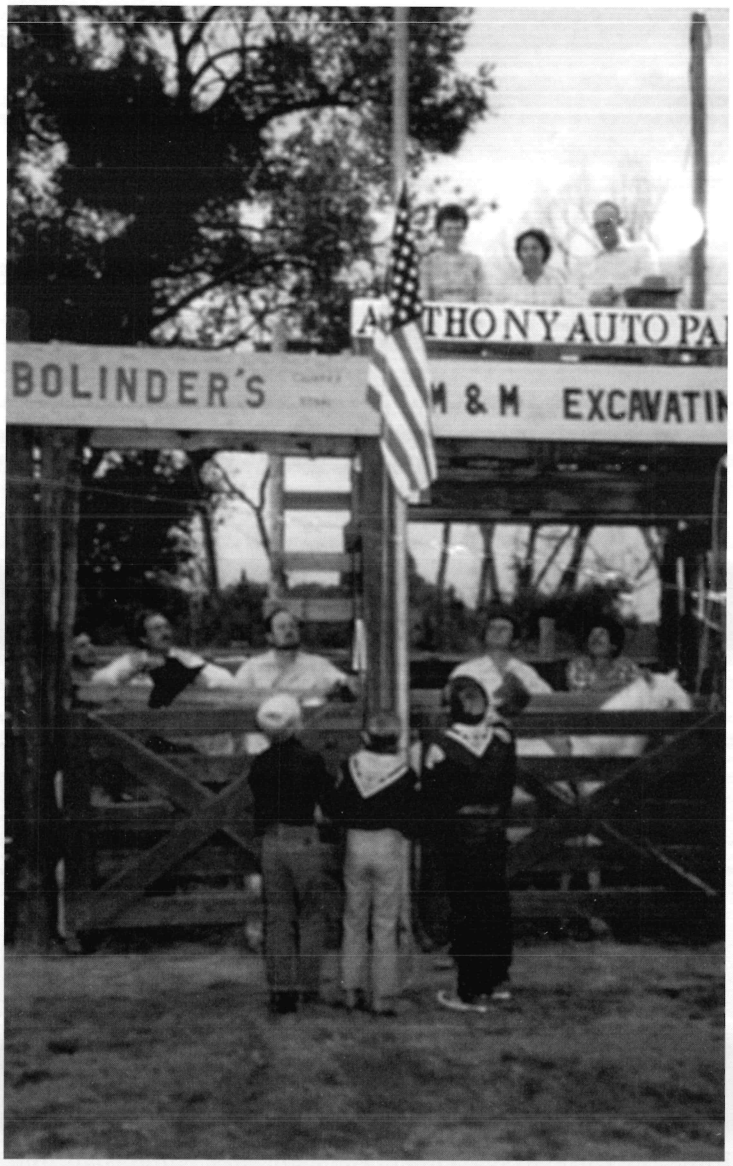


Announcers for the Little Buckaroo Rodeo, Lou and Bob Wetherbee.




Grange Club Scouts presenting the flag at the Little Buckaroo Rodeo.

Gary Pratt, rodeo clown.

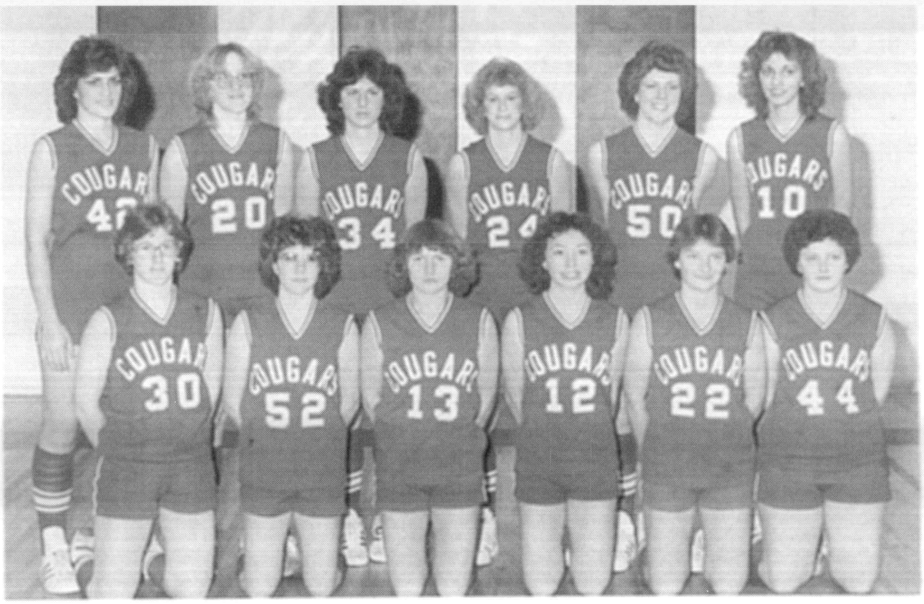
Ride 'em cowboy!

Karma Messick
Secretary - 1965-1984. Worked for three principals, A.W. Johnson, John Meek and Chet Adams.

Firth Elementary School Faculty 1966-1967. Top row: Neva Nungester, Anna Adamek, Marvin Anderson, Mrs. Allen, Lorraine Tayler. Middle row: Ruth Yost, ?, Clara Adolfson, Mrs. Yancey, Mrs. Martineau, Lenore Christensen. Front row: Iris Adamson, Ruth Berg, A.W. Johnson, Vida Christensen, Karma Messick-Secretary.

Firth Elementary School Faculty 1970-1971. Front row L to R: Arlyn Haggard, Ruth Berg, Irene Whitworth, Marsha Sorenson, Evonne Adkins, Judy Dawson, Karma Messick Secretary. Middle row L to R: Shirley Johnson, Doreen Mortinson, Gayle Collier, Lorraine Taylor, Donna Nielson, Paul Empey, Ron Tobler, Lane Smith, Mike Call. Top row L to R: Anthony Paul, Donna Meek, Loretta Howell, Miss Peacock, Mrs. Boos, True Farrar, Velma Hanson, Bertha Adolfson, Marlene Reid, John Meek Principal.

A.W. Johnson Elementary School Faculty 1979-1980. Front row L to R: Marj Miller, Karen Harshman, Carol Boguard, Miss Jennings, Bob Hansen, Ron Tobler, Kim Williams. Middle row L to R: Dorothy Barker, Karma Messick - Secretary, Evelyn Gisin, Joyce Carrol, ?, Mary Sue Duncan, Marsha Bingham, Idona Ockerman, Shirley Johnson, Pam Walker, Abby Knighton, Deanna Hovey, Gayle Poole. Top row L to R: Chet Adams - Principal, Mr. Smith, Dell Jensen, Donna Neilson, Lorraine Taylor, Velma Hansen, ?, ?, Arlyn Haggard, Gayle Giles, True Farrar, Terry Anderson, Sandra Thie, Annette Windward, Sherry Johnson.




Top Row; Danese Freeman, Kristi Trent, Carolyn Cook, Cindy Gentillion, Colette Smith, Pauline Freeman. Bottom Row; Diane Hanson, Crezee, Lori Walker, Susan Mattson, Verla Kotter, Tana Brown, Lynette Cook

Girl's Basketball 1980.

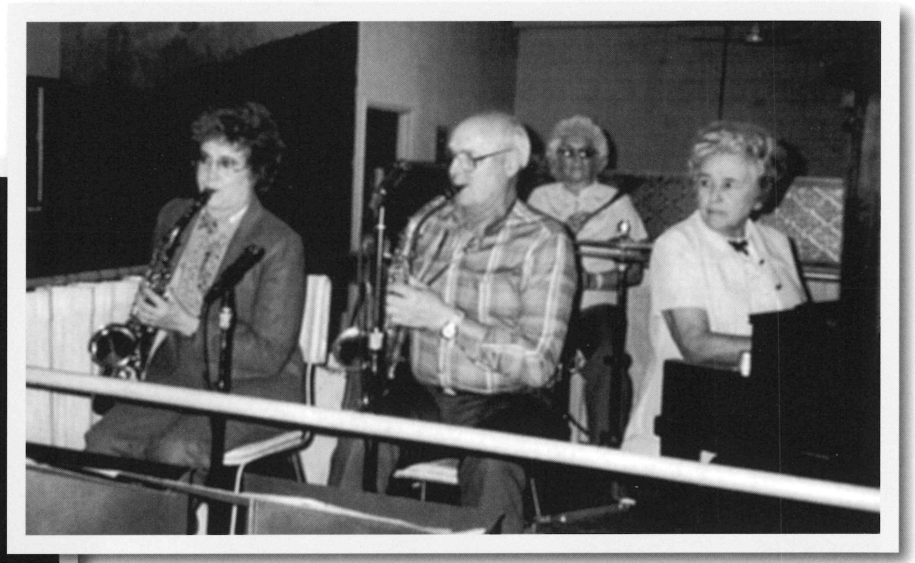
Advisor, Mr. Harker; Bill Cox, Tad Cox, Cliff Reid, Kim Jolley, Maria Fullenwider, Natalie Fullmer, Deanna Dye, Raelyn Crofts, Bart Gardner, Lori Walker, Kimberly Dye, Blair Esplin, Bob Benkenstein, Rick Tucker Joan Christensen, Second Row: David Crooks, Wayne Kremer, Sonny Morris, Kevin Bright, Vaughn Hopkins Glade Ririe, John Fielding, Darrell Shull, Melanie Esplin.

Firth High School Pep Band 1980.

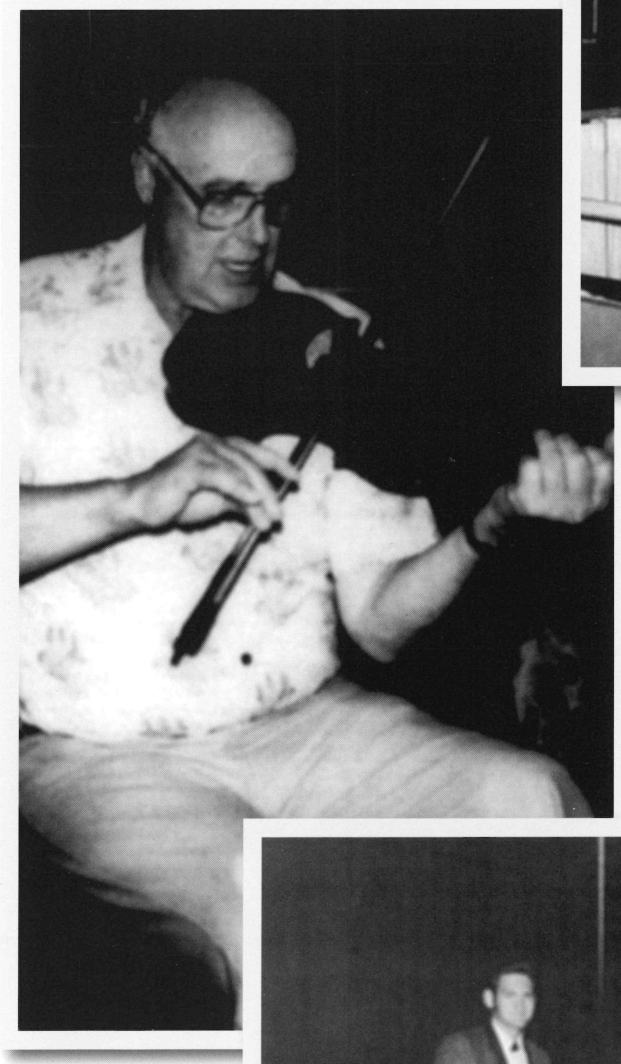
Mr. Harker, Advisor and arranger, Bill Cox-drums, Tad Cox-lead guitar and vocals, David Crooks-vocals, Coiff Reid-bass guitar and vocals, Sonny Morris-sax, Wayne Kremer-sax, Melanie Esplin-flute, Bart Gardner-trombone, Deanna Dye-keyboards. Kneeling; Darrell Shull-trumpet, Joan Christensen-trumpet, Rick Tucker-trumpet. Not pictured, Kurt Ririe-keyboards.

Firth High School Stage Band 1980.

of the 80's. Students that went on to have their own bands.



Local Band - L to R: Marilyn N. Hansen, Afton Croft, Marie Anderson, Fama Hansen (drums) 1988.



Afton Crofts played with the Old Time fiddlers for many years - 1985.

Nielson Band - L to R: Mike Ward, Marilyn Nielson Hansen, Marvin Nielson, Janeal Wheeler, ?, - 1960-1970.

L. Jay Cook with his two daughters - 1986.

## L. Jay Cook's family cuts accordion tape

**By Vickie Toy**
**Pioneer feature writer**

Uh-one-and-uh-two-and-uh-three-and-uh...

No, Lawrence Welk hasn't come to town with his famed downbeat—but Shelley does have its closest thing to him.

He's L. Jay Cook, a local accordianist who's just recorded a new album, "Accordian Delights," and is marketing it locally.

Cook recorded the album 18 months ago at the former Bill Bingham recording studio in Shelley in just a couple of hours, making it a family affair—with his daughter, Judy, playing a second accordian, and his daughter, Carolyn on bass guitar.

The family has been playing together for 10 years.

L. Jay Cook Band - L to R: Marie Anderson, L.Jay Cook, Roy Olsen - 1974.

Wolverine Canyon Band

This group of talented young musicians has come a long way since Bill and Tad Cox and Cliff Reid began playing music together at Firth High School. A song on the MCA Record label recorded in Nashville by Wolverine Canyon was released in February, 1985, and received nationwide radio play. their appearances have included Las Vegas, Sun Valley, Island Park, and most cities in Southeast Idaho. In December, 1984, the group played on the Grand Ole Opry, appearing with Jim Ed Brown and Boxcar Willie as well as other stars of the Opry, and appeared on "Nashville Now," a national television show. Their television appearances also include several appearances on another national television show, "You Can Be a Star," a talent show which they won.

Their history of winning performances goes back a long way for someone as young as Bill, 22, and Tad, 24, who, in 1971, with their sister Tamie, won the Spud Day Talent Show in Shelley. Billed as "The Cox Kids," this group began performing in public when Tad was about 7. The sons of Gary and Marge Cox of Firth, Bill and Tad, grew up on a farm east of Firth, and the band name was taken from Wolverine Canyon, east of Firth where the family farmed. Cliff, 23, also comes from a farming background. His parents, Wallace and Marlene Reid, raise potatoes near the Blackfoot River.

Other members of the group are Bob Brown of Pocatello, whose mother, Mrs. Rae (Scarborough) Hirschi, is from Basalt, and Dave Didion of Idaho Falls, the newest member of Wolverine Canyon Band. Bob and Dave are both 21. Manager of the band is Sam Collet of Firth.

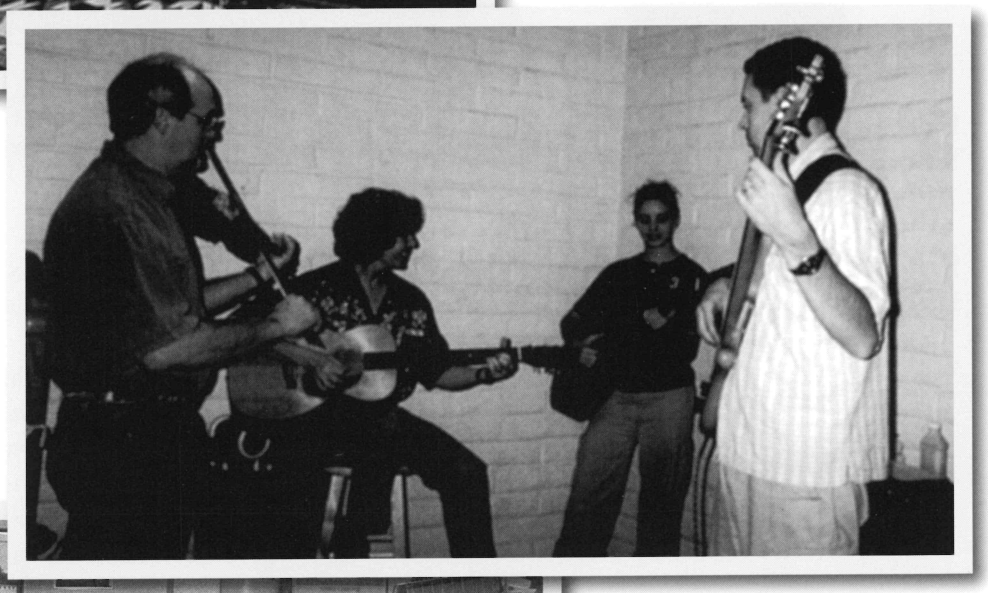
Wolverine Canyon Band has been invited by the Nashville Network to appear at the 14th Annual International Country Music Fan Fair in Nashville, Tennessee, during June, 1985.

Members of the group from left to right are; Cliff Reid, Dave Didion, Tad Cox, Bob Brown and Bill Cox.

Wolverine Canyon Band playing on the Grand Ole Opry stage - December 1984.

Ed Hall on left, is presenting a check to Sam Collet, the manager of the Wolverine Canyon Band, to help the band on their trip to Nashville.

Band, "Shelley Kelly and Friends", L to R: Kelly Reubrecht, Christine Langdon, Shelley Reubrecht, and Vince Crofts - 2000.



Vince Croft Family Band, L to R: Vince, Peggie, Callie, and Adam - 2000.

Backstage of the Grand Ole Opry - L to R: Box Car Willie, Cliff Reid, Bob Brown, Roy Acuff, Dave Didion, Bill Cox, Tad Cox. December 1984.

Firth High
School
1922-1990

High school classes were offered in the Firth School District for the first time in September, 1919. The classes were taught in one room in the grade school and consisted of 34 students. As enrollment grew there became the need for a larger school.

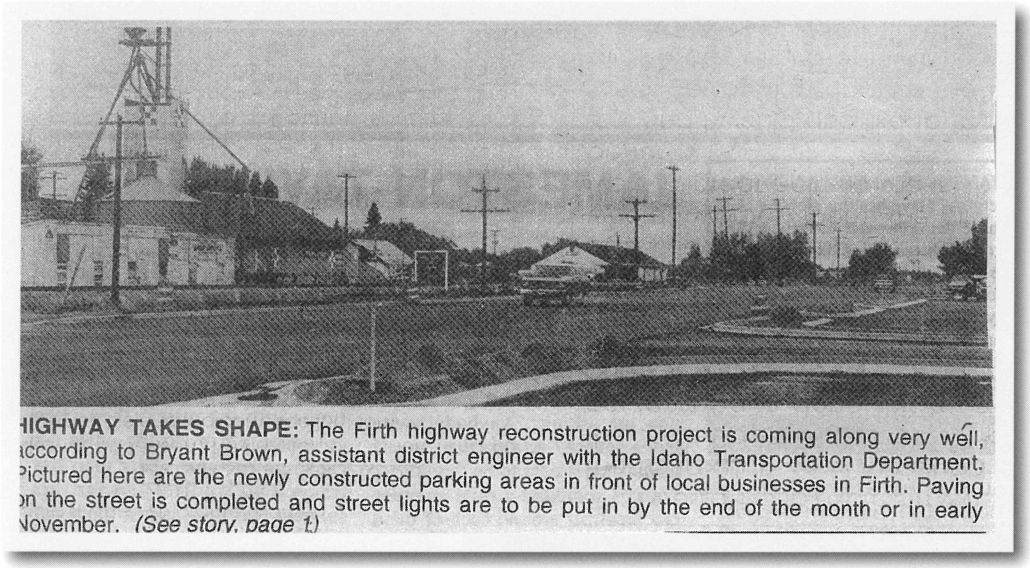
In 1922, the first high school building in Firth was built. Classes commenced in January of 1923. The first graduating class in 1923 consisted of 10 students, five of which had attended all four years of high school at Firth. This new building originally consisted of a lower level which contained a gymnasium, room for chemistry and physics, agriculture, and home economics. The second story housed the auditorium and stage as well as rooms for mathematics, history, English and science. Two small offices were also within the building.

Later in the thirties a new gym was built allowing the old gym to be remodeled, thus providing more classrooms. In the early sixties a new auditorium was built and further remodeling created additional classrooms. After phase 1 of the new high school was completed in 1968, the old building was then designated as the junior high. In 1971, the name was changed to Harding Gibbs Junior High. In 1990 the last addition of the high school was completed and the old building became the middle school.

The new middle school was finished in May 1995. Therefore, the last classes were held that spring in the old high school building.

Sadly, only six months after the start of the 1995-96 school year, the building burned to the ground during Christmas break. For many of us it was a time of reflection, reminding us of our youth and the good times we shared.

# 1990's



HIGHWAY TAKES SHAPE: The Firth highway reconstruction project is coming along very well, according to Bryant Brown, assistant district engineer with the Idaho Transportation Department. Pictured here are the newly constructed parking areas in front of local businesses in Firth. Paving on the street is completed and street lights are to be put in by the end of the month or in early November. *(See story, page 1.)*

A new look for the main highway through Firth - 1994.

The older part of the Firth High School caught fire and burned in the winter of 1995.

**1990**

**August 2, 1990** - Irqa invades Kuwait and the United States initiates Operation Desert Shield.

**August 16, 1990** - U.S. soldiers arrive in Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Desert Shield.

**October, 1990** - President George Bush reneges on his campaign pledge and raises taxes.

**February 28, 1991** - The Gulf War officially ends.

**June 28, 1991** - The most severe earthquake in forty years, measuring 7.4 on the Richter scale, rocks the Yucca Valley in California; one child is killed, 350 are injured.

**February 11, 1993** - Janet Reno is appointed the first female attorney general of the United States.

**November 8** - In midterm elections, Republicans gain a majority in the House and Senate for the first time in over forty years.

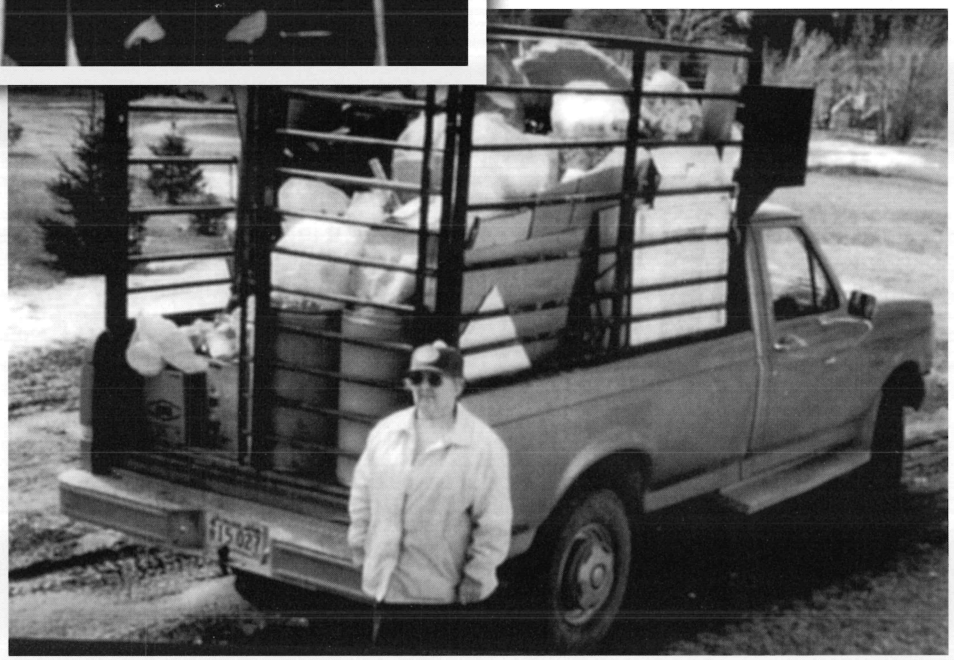
**August 22, 1996** - Clinton signs the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act, which changes welfare rules for 13 million Americans.

**November, 1996** - Clinton becomes the first Democrat to be reelected as president since 1944; the Republican Congress is first to be elected since 1930.

**August 31, 1997** - Diana, princess of Wales, dies in a car accident in a Paris tunnel.

Firth High School class of 1949 reunion - 1994.

Firth Homemakers Club Recycle Program 1992. Left, Leah Brewington and Joyce Rishel.



Homemaker Club member, Joyce Rishel, with load of material ready to be recycled - 1992.

Journal photo by Kathy Corgatelli

**Firth School District Superintendent John Tucker surveys the aftermath of a fire that destroyed the Harding Gibbs Middle School at the end of December.**

# Firth rebounds from destructive blaze with $3.2 million new school

**By Alice Elison**
For The Journal

FIRTH — The Firth School District had a lesson on flexibility following the early fire that destroyed the Harding Gibbs Middle School on Dec. 29.

Arson has been ruled out as a cause for the blaze.

"The old Harding Gibbs Middle School was pretty much in limbo at the time of the fire," Superintendent John Tucker said.

"We hadn't decided whether we were going to fix it up, just use it for storage or tear it down. There was a problem with asbestos, so we hadn't made a decision."

Firth voters approved a $2.99 million bond to replace the structure, which was built in 1922. The new $3.2 million Firth Middle School opened its doors to students in August.

Some of the district's athletic equipment had been stored in the old school because the district had no other place to store the gear. Desks, new lockers and other items also had been moved into the vacant building. The items were destroyed in the fire.

A gymnasium attached to the old middle school was built in the 1930s, but was being used by middle school and junior high school students at the time.

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>
> **—John Tucker**
> **Firth superintendent**

The gym was saved, but it was smoke damaged, as were the lockers and rest rooms. The art room also was housed there and is now unusable.

"The firemen set up fans in the gym that helped prevent extensive heat and smoke damage," Tucker said.

"But there is still some smoke damage. Our water and gas lines originate from the old building, so we've had some problems there."

Firth Middle School fifth- and sixth-graders had used the old gym for recesses, and the junior high used it for physical education classes and athletic competitions.

A few functions have been transferred to the high school.

The fire started on the second floor above a false ceiling, and likely was related to the electric system or gas line. Arson investigators said the fire could have been smoldering for days before it started.

Firth firefighters drilled last summer to handle a fire in the school compound. Tucker attributes their preparedness in saving surrounding structures. Harding Gibbs is 20 feet from Firth High School.

Harding Gibbs Middle School was insured for $1.2 million. Debris from the fire has been removed, and the district waits for the insurance company's final adjustments to determine if the rest rooms and lockers will be repaired or replaced.

The old school site may become a parking lot, but that hasn't been decided.

The building had served as Firth High until 1968, when it became a junior high school. In 1978, the sixth grade was moved into the school, and it became the Harding Gibbs Middle School. Firth Middle School construction began November 1994, and was completed last Aug. 20.

"Education in this district will go on," Tucker said. "It may not be as convenient for everyone right now. But learning to be flexible is an important part of education."

## Supt. Tucker

Mr. Tucker was chosen along with 56 other educators throughout the United States, (six were women) to go to Russia to compare our schools with theirs in May of 1992.

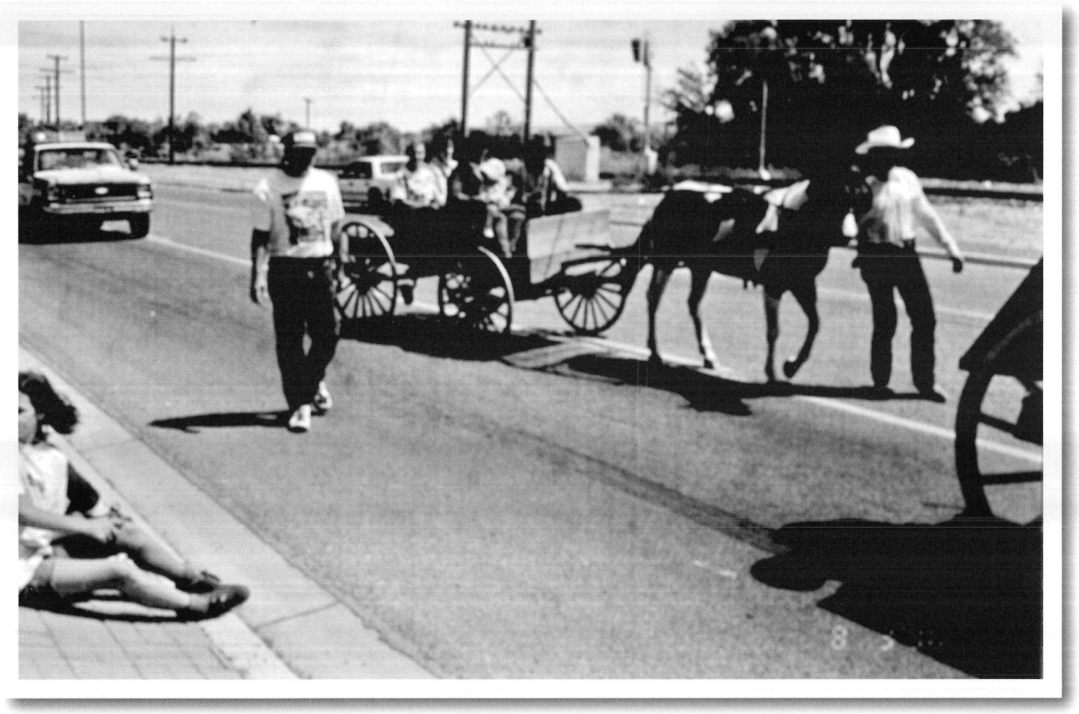
Mr. Tucker with gifted Russian student, who helped redesign the Sky Lab for the Russian outer space program.

Pam White, Supt. Tucker and Julie Cederberg - 1990's.

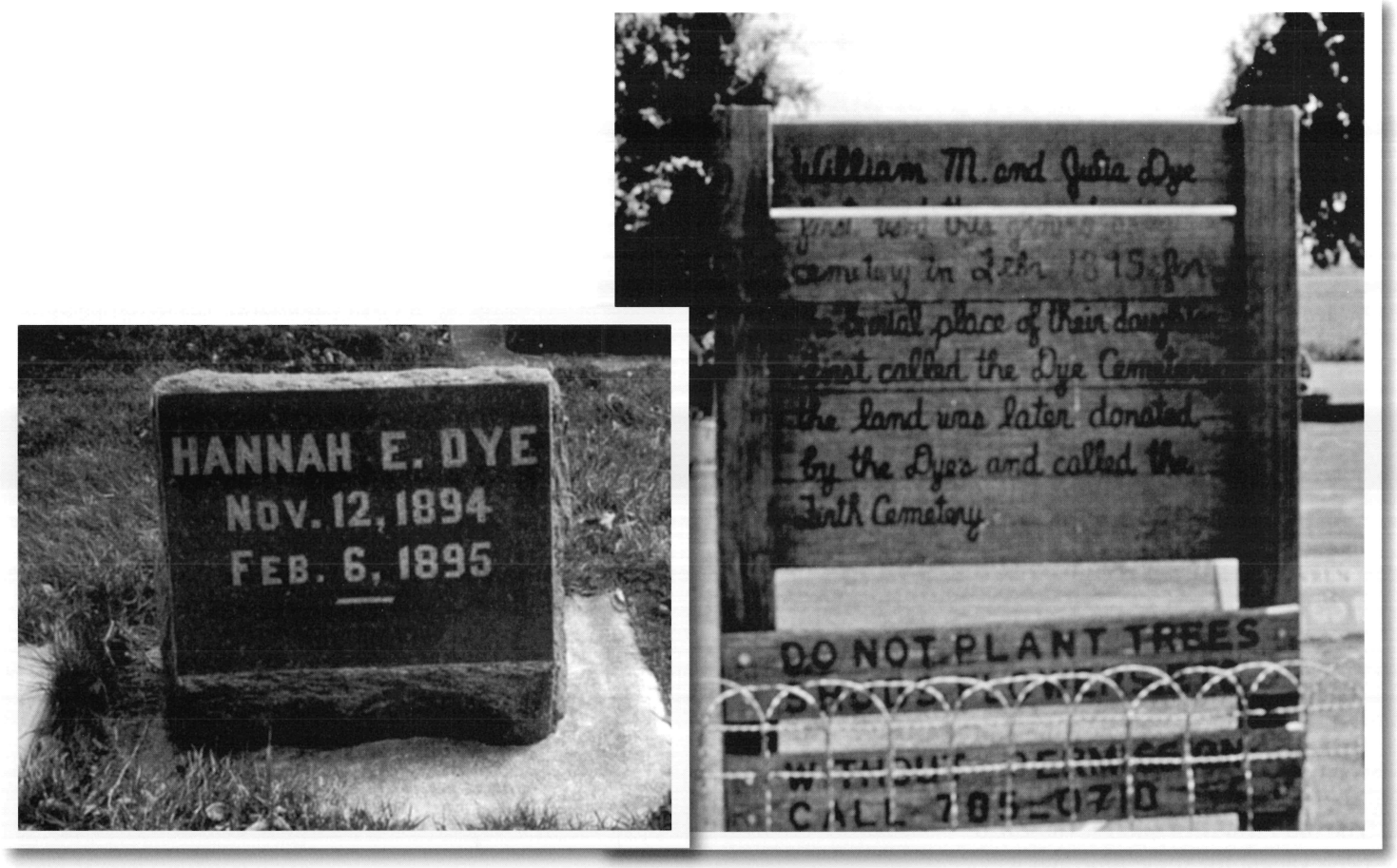
The Firth Mill and Elevator, built around 1900. This picture was taken just as it was being demolished.

Firth Mill and Elevator, which was a Firth landmark, was demolished in December 1990.

The old Firth Mill and Elevator had been vacant for some time and it was determined that it should be destroyed because of safety and other reasons - 1990.



Little Buckaroo Parade, Bob Reid leading horse - 1996.




Firth Cemetery plaque which reads: "William M. and Julia Dye first used this ground as a cemetery in February 1895, for the burial place of their daughter. It was called the Dye Cemetery. The land was later donated by the Dyes and called the Firth Cemetery" - 1990's.

# 2000'S

## PRAYER THOUGHTS
## 2000-2005

The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

The roots of true achievement lie in the will to become the best that you can become.
Harold Taylor

One loves that for which one labors, and one labors for that which one loves.
Erich Frann

For anything worth having one must pay the price; and the price is always, work, patience, love, self-sacrifice - - no paper currency, no promises to pay, but the gold of real service.
John Burroughts

Life is mostly what we make it,
Filled with sunshine or storm;
Just whichever way we take it -
Sad or cheering - cold or warm.
Anonymous

We are shaped and fashioned by what we love.
Goethe

May happiness touch your life today as warmly as you have touched the lives of others.
Author Unknown

High expectations are the key to everything.
Sam Walton

I believe . . . that every human mind feels pleasure in doing good to another.
Thomas Jefferson

Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it.
Autograph your work with excellence.
Author Unknown

Good words are worth much, and cost little.
George Herbert

Your greatest pleasure is that which rebounds from hearts that have made you glad.
Henry Ward Beecher

Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.
Helen Keller

The real secret of success is enthusiasm.
Walter Crysler

Joy is not in thihgs; it is in us.
Richard Wagner

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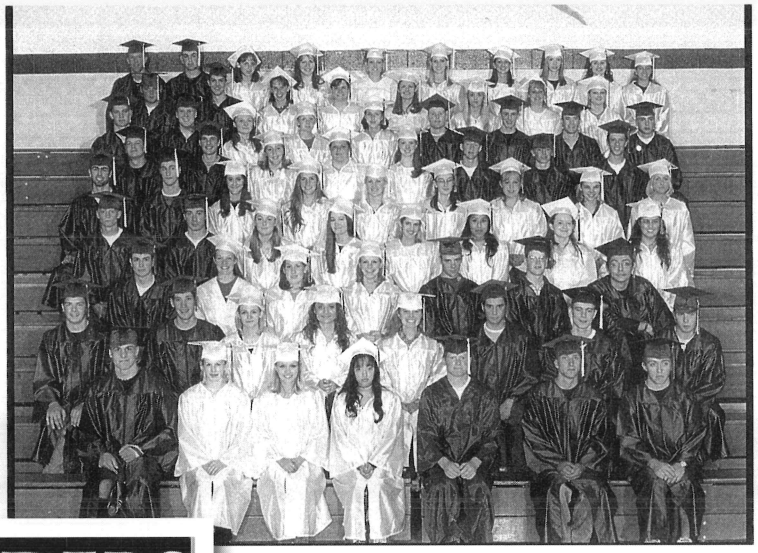

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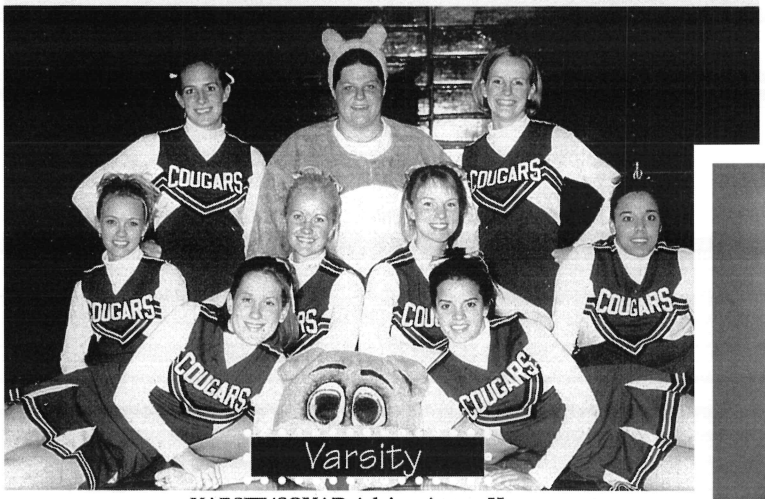


**VARSITY SQUAD, Advisor: Arynne Hoge**
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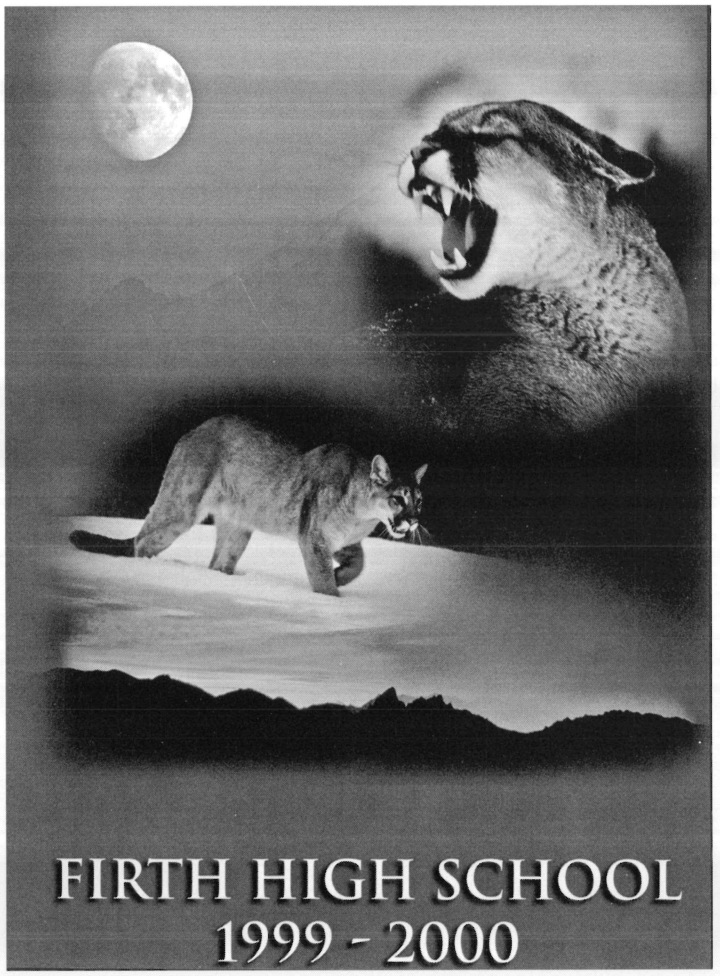
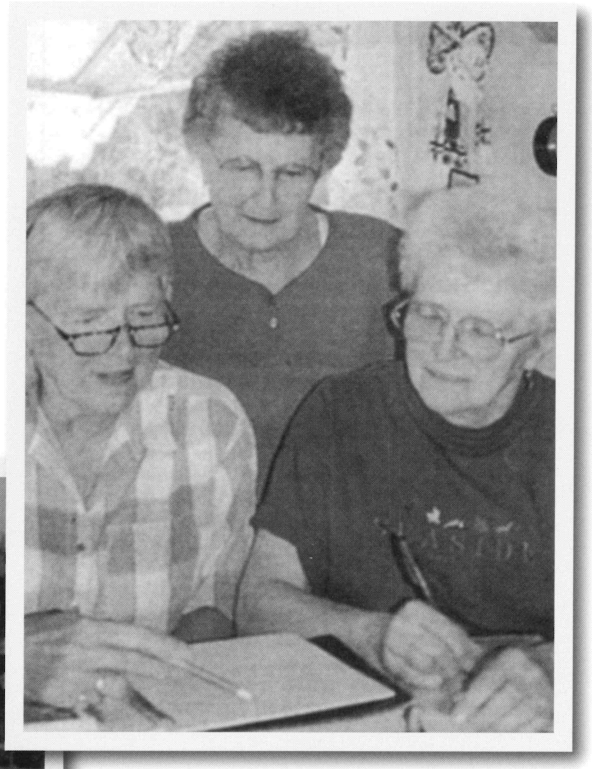
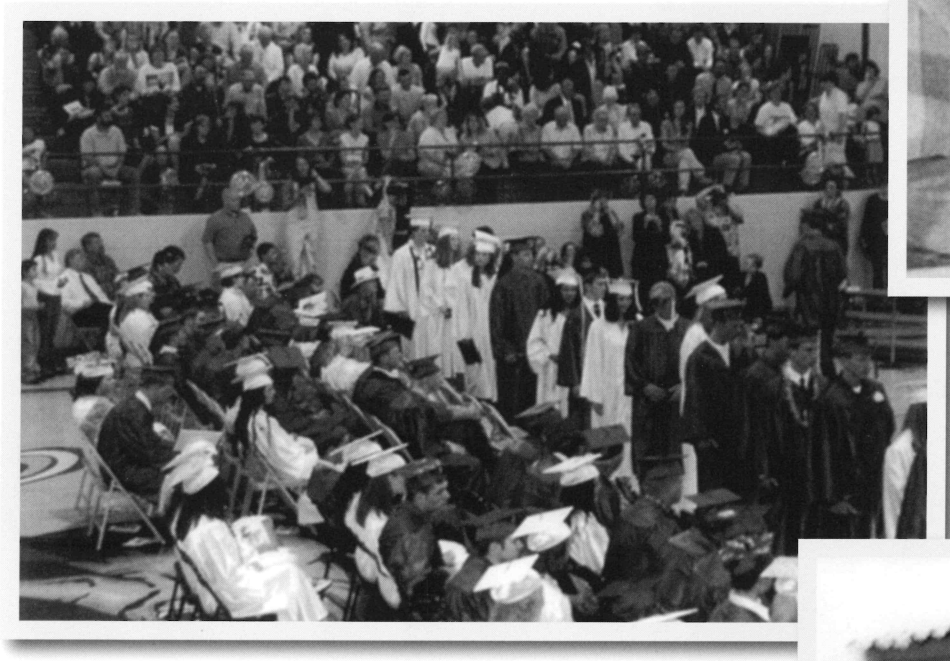




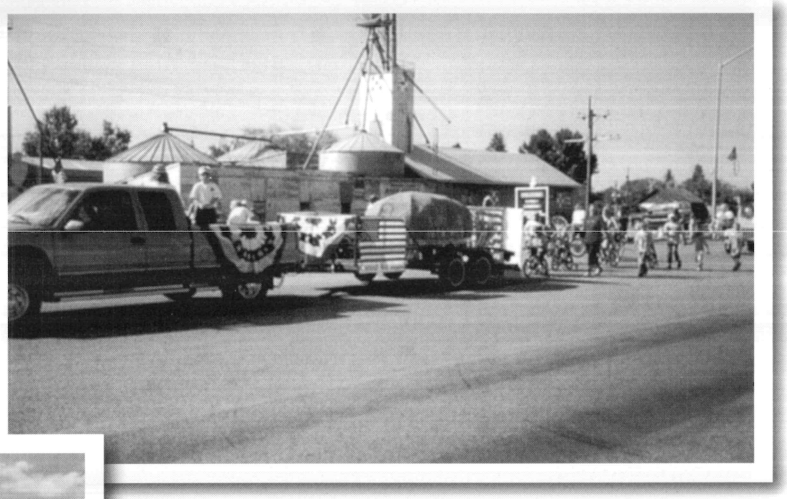
Making plans for the 50th Anniversary of the Firth Homemakers Club. Left to Right: President Joann Nelson, Treasurer Leah Brewington and Secretary Mary Lou Kontes. 2001



Graduation processional march for 2003 Firth High School graduates - May 2003

This old player piano provided the music for the silent movies at the Firth Melba Theater. Harold and Leah Brewington bought it from Nellie Hutchinson in 1944 and is still being played today at the home of Gary and Pam White.

Firth Freedom Festival parade, the marching Cougarettes - July 9, 2004



Firth Freedom Festival parade, a float and decorated bikes

The beginning of the Firth Freedom Festival parade

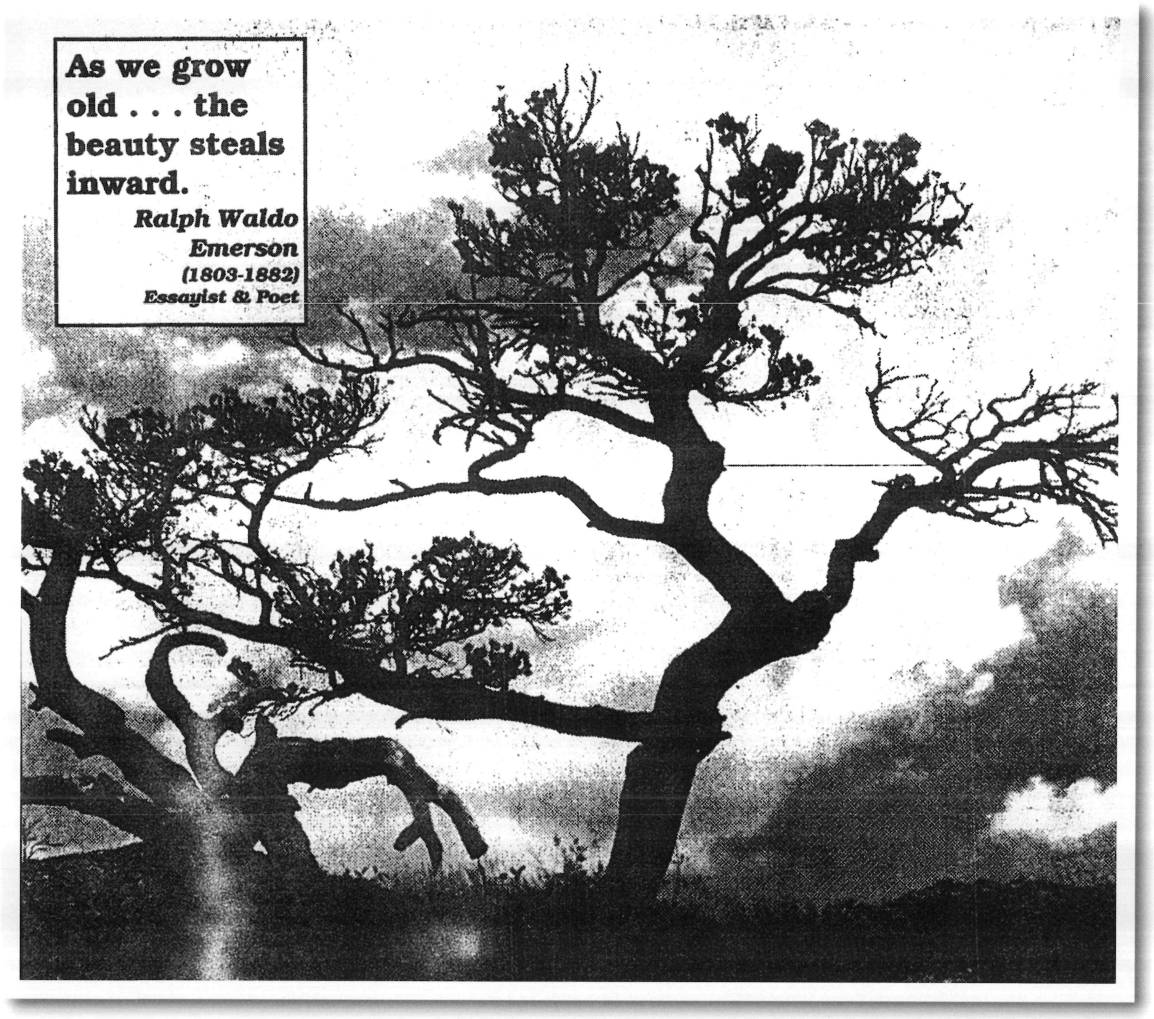
A Veteran's float in the Firth Freedom Festival parade

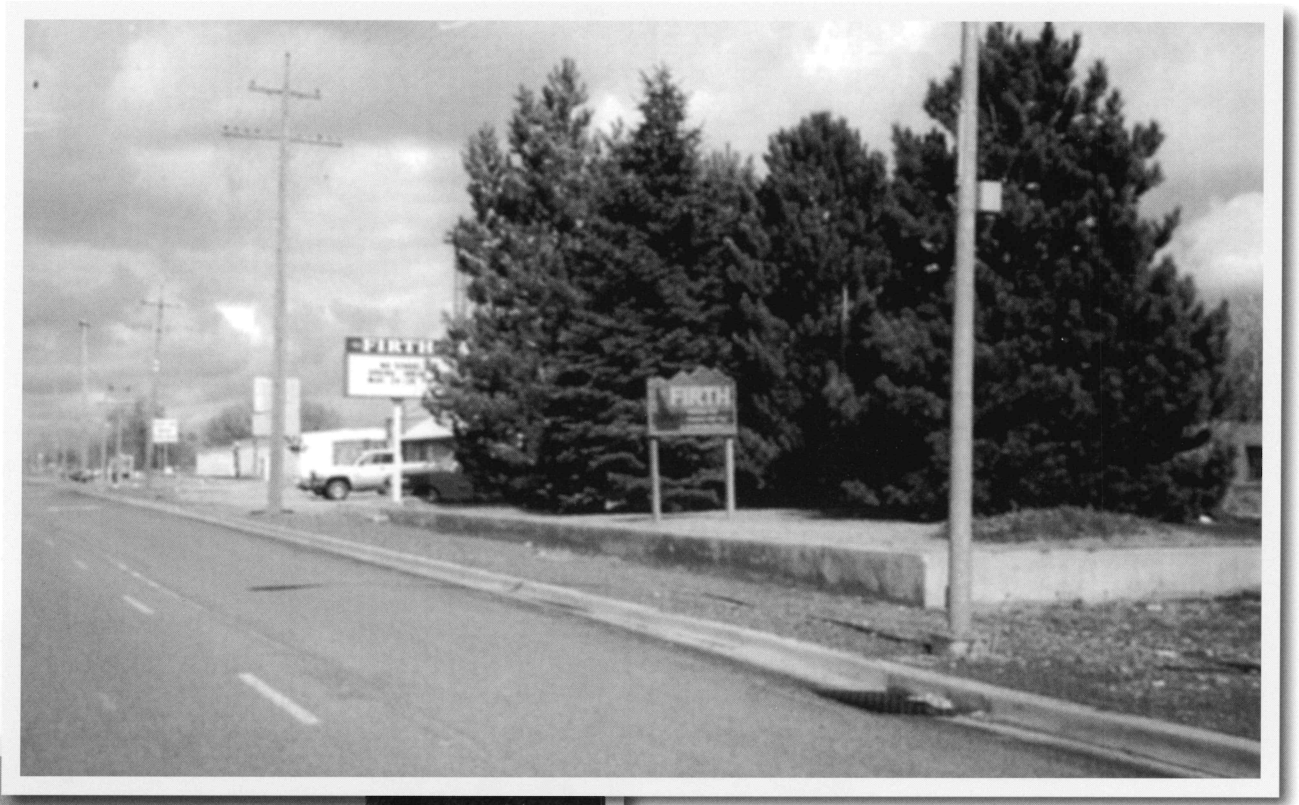
Firht a new look - Beautiful

The Firth Freedom Festival Celebration. Dedicating the new city building was speaker Governor Kempthorn - 2004

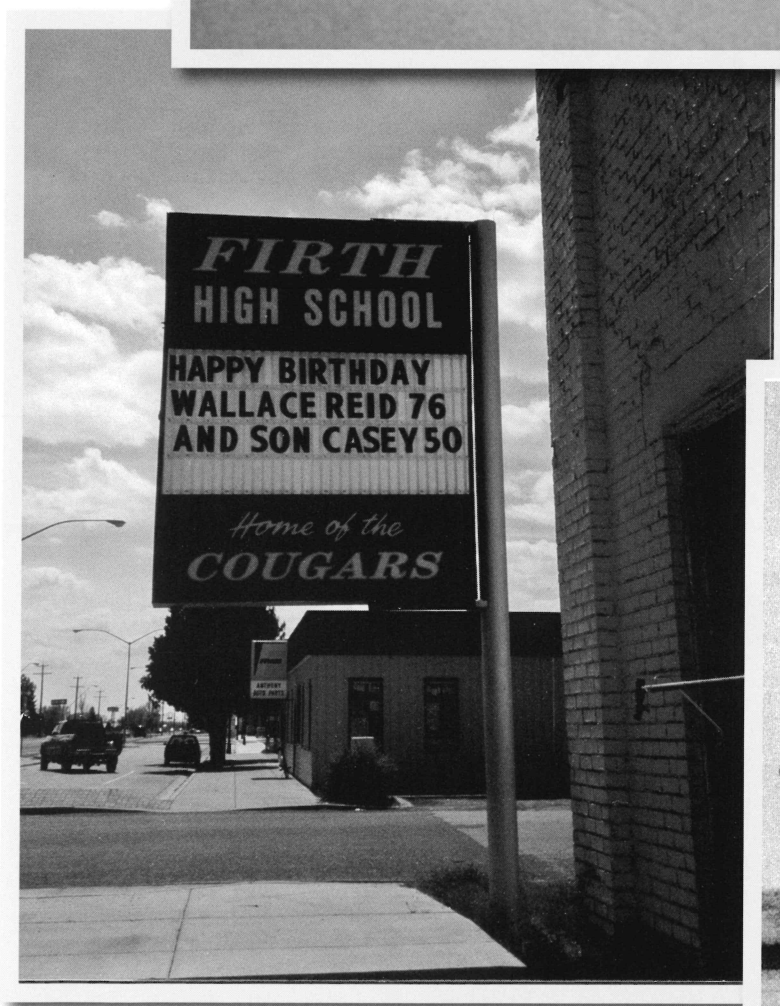
# FIRTH NOW

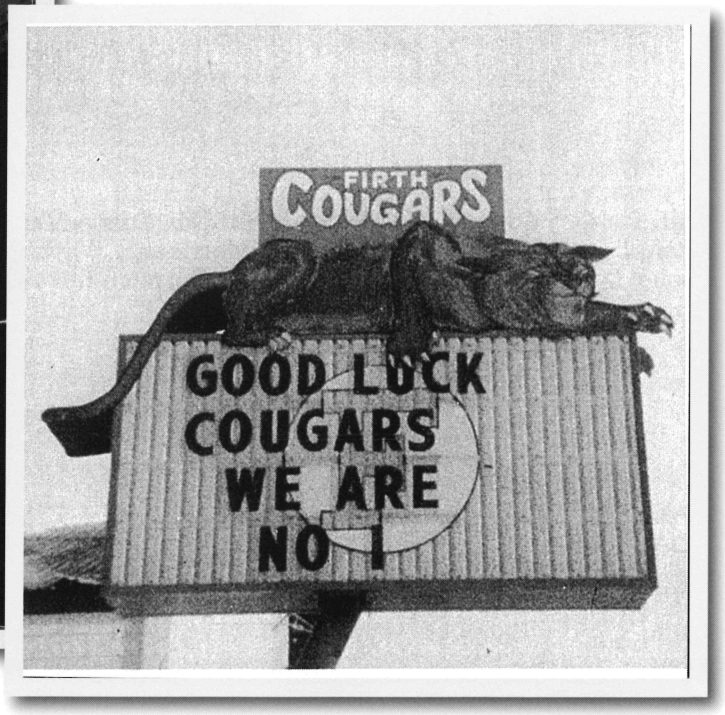
## A CENTURY LATER






Firth, a century later - Firth City Welcome sign -Spring 2005




The Cougar Marquee. The Senior Class of 1983 instigated and provided the first monies to obtain the marquee. Other classes helped with the purchase. People of the community have also been able to use it to advertise their happy events.

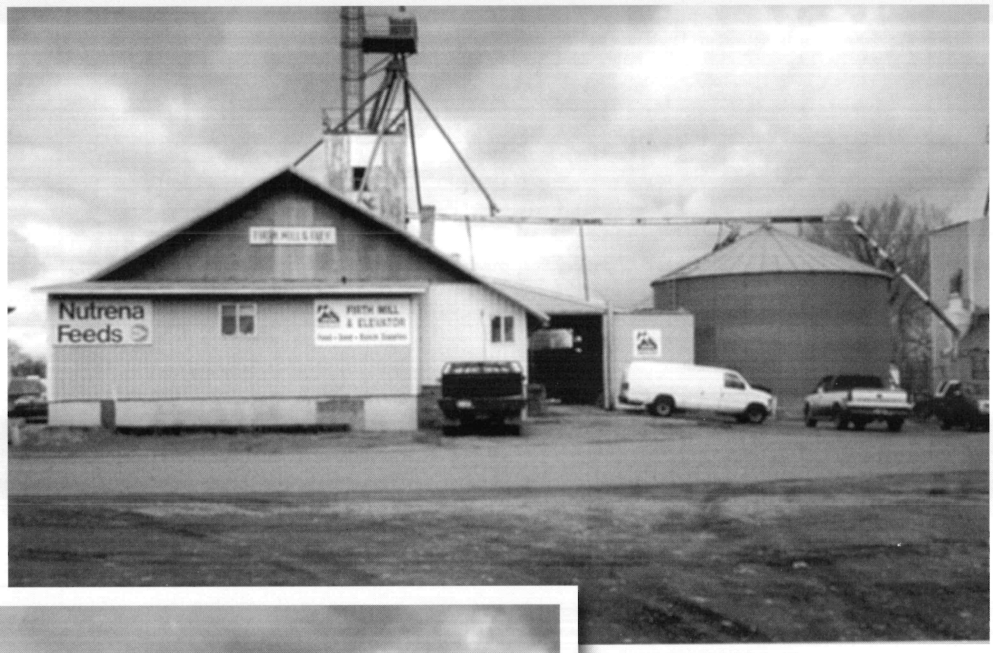
L.D.S. Church Meetinghouse, dedicated March 7, 1965, -Spring 2005

Assembly of God Church, built and dedicated in 1928 -Spring 2005

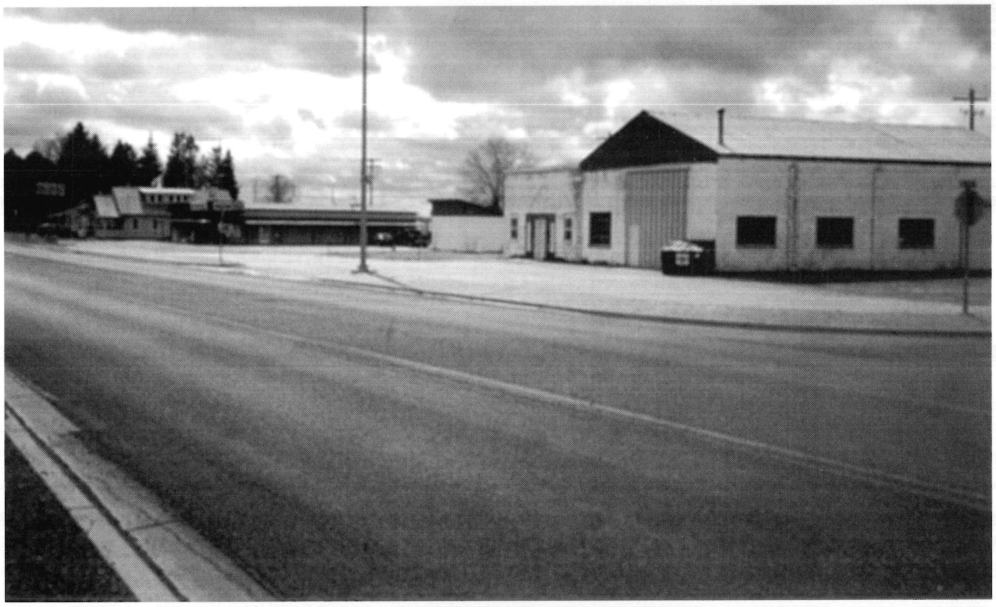
Bethel Luthern Church, built and dedicated in 1967 -Spring 2005

The Grange Welcome to Firth sign -Spring 2005

Looking toward the south on U.S. Hiway 191, some of the buildings -Spring 2005



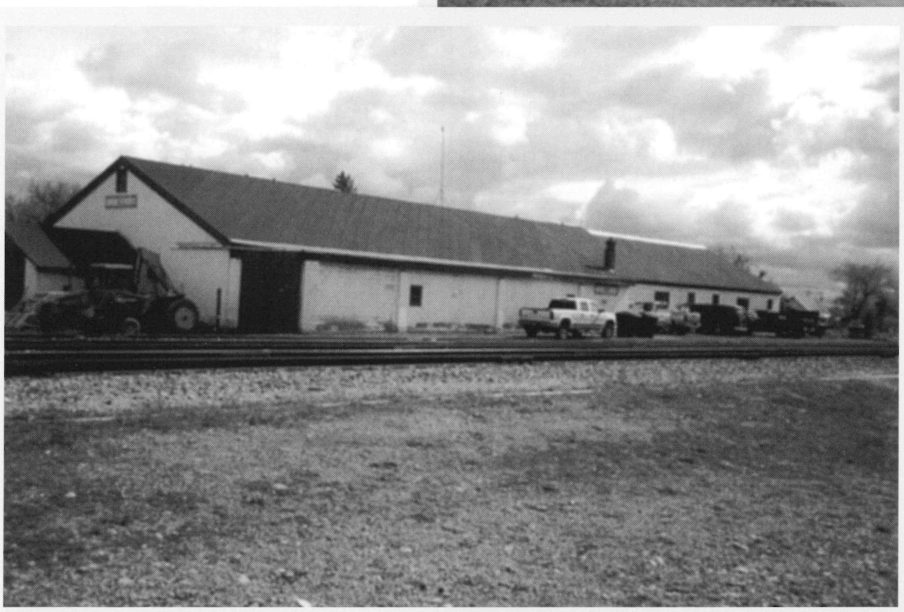

Firth Mill and Elevator -Spring 2005



Firth Blacksmith Shop and Stop and Shop Market -Spring 2005

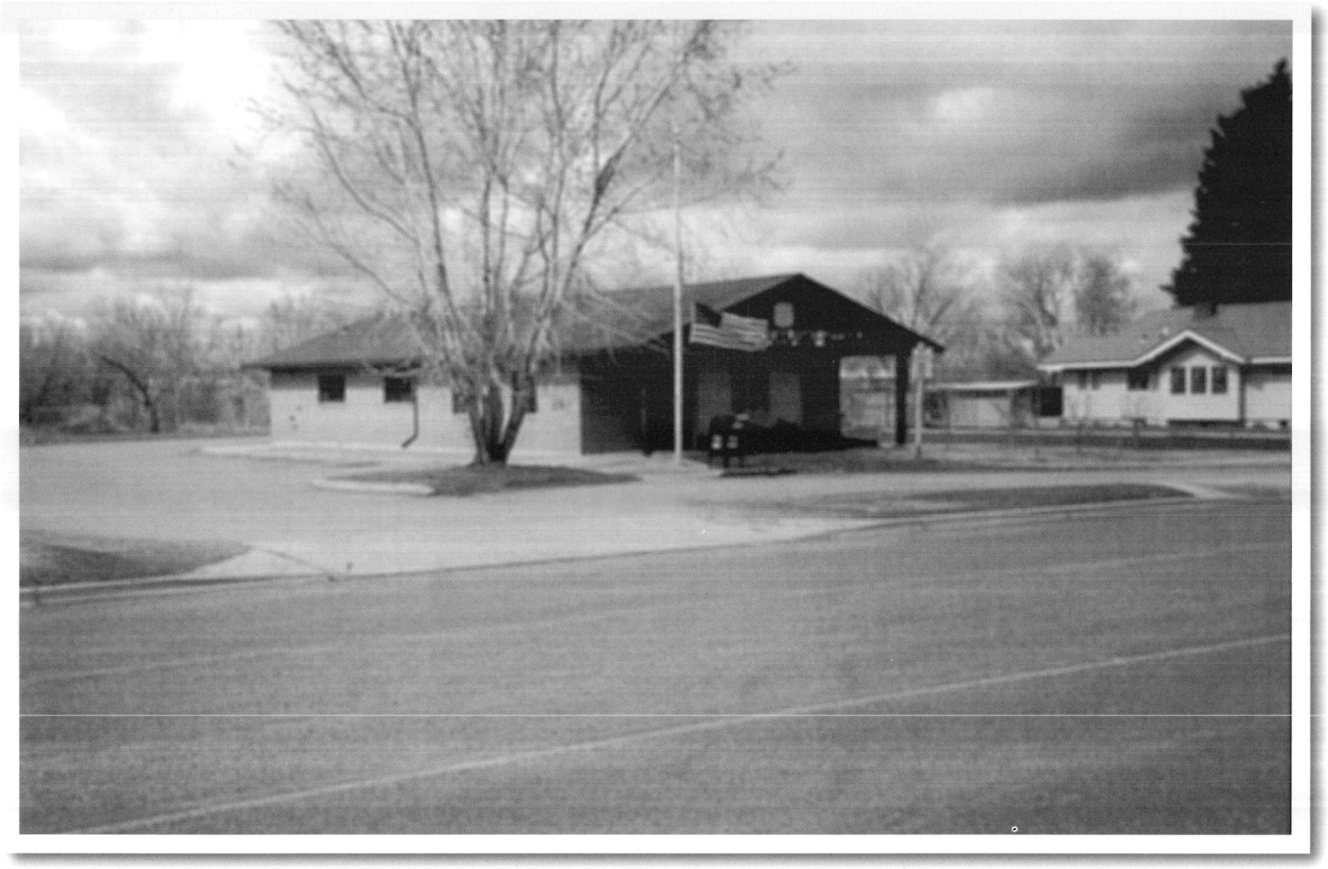
Jolley's Hard Time Gas and Convenience Store -Spring 2005

Crofts, Inc. Potato Warehouse - Spring 2005



Diamond S Potato Warehouse - Spring 2005

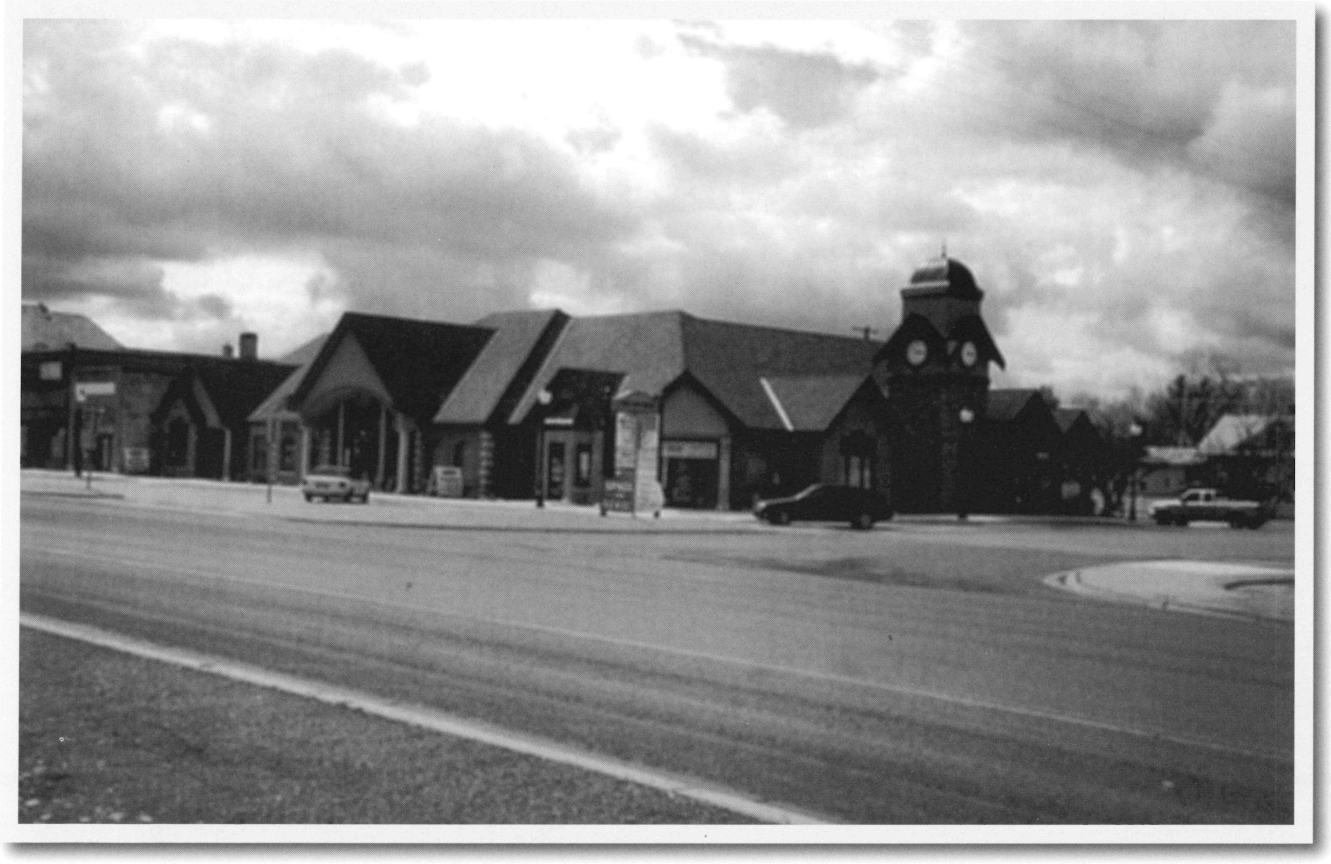
The Rainsdon Garage and Anthony Auto Parts - Spring 2005



Firth's United Post Office -Spring 2005

Riverview Grange, organized in May 1927 -Spring 2005

Looking North on U.S. Hiway 191, with Colletts and former Lyon Implement buildings -Spring 2005



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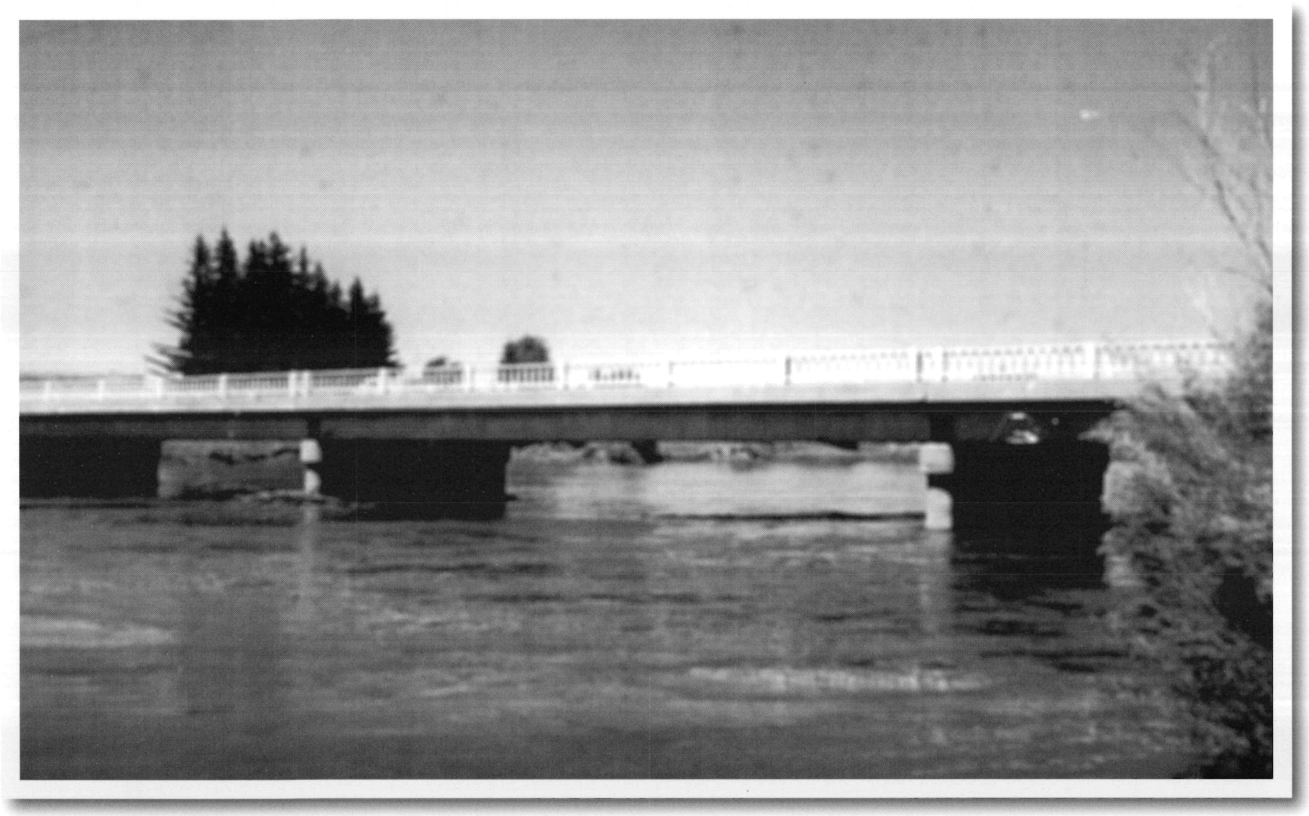

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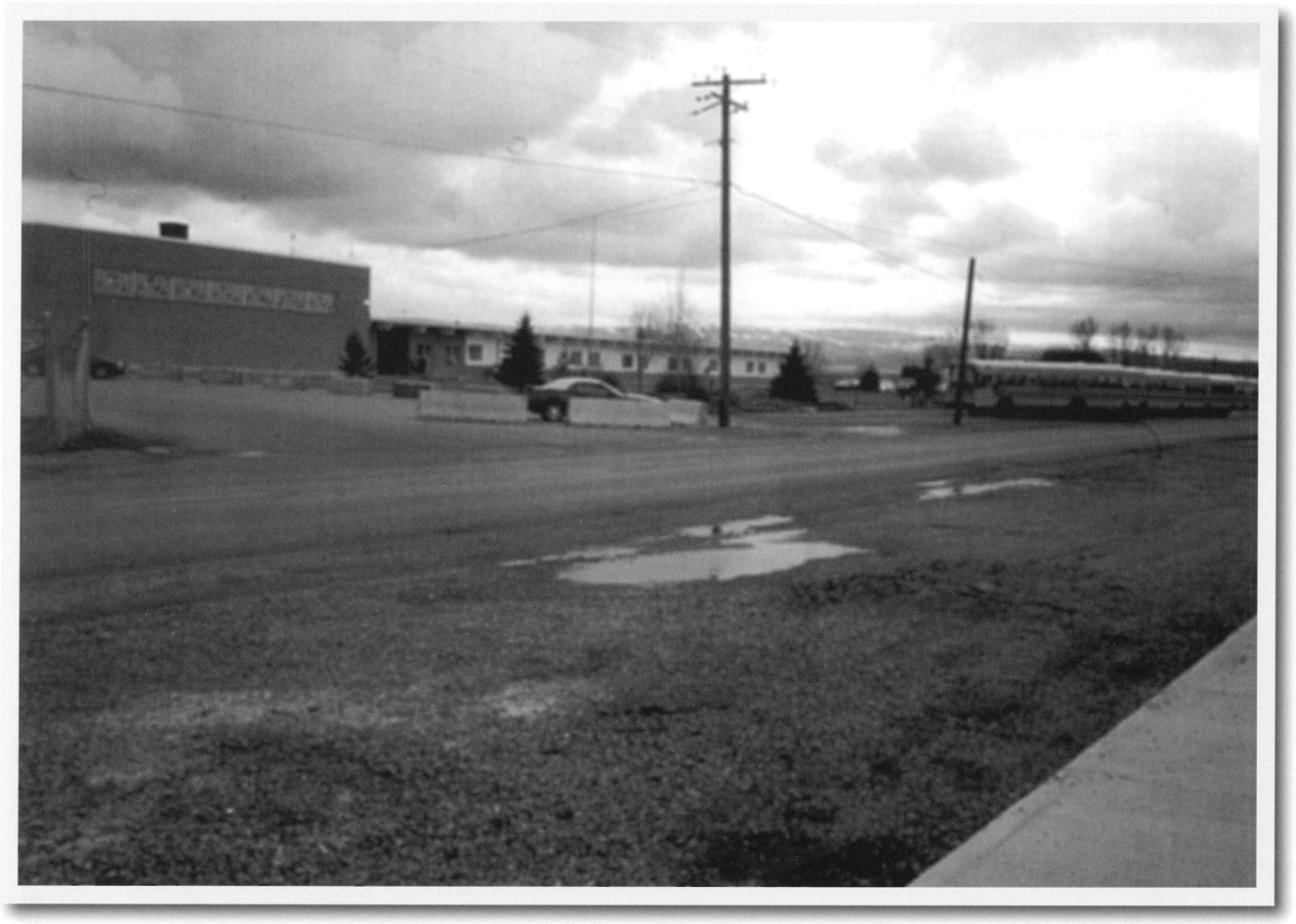

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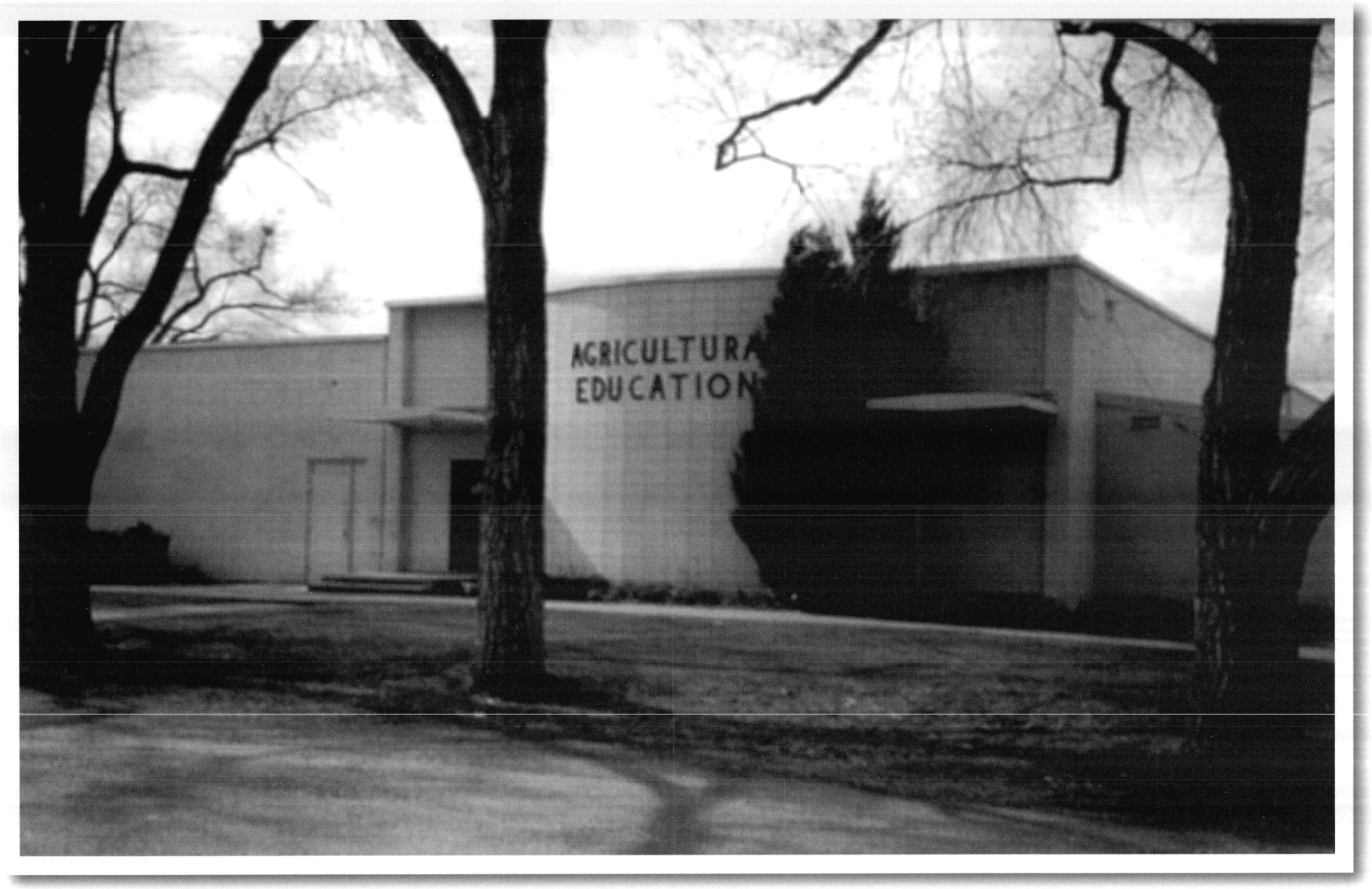


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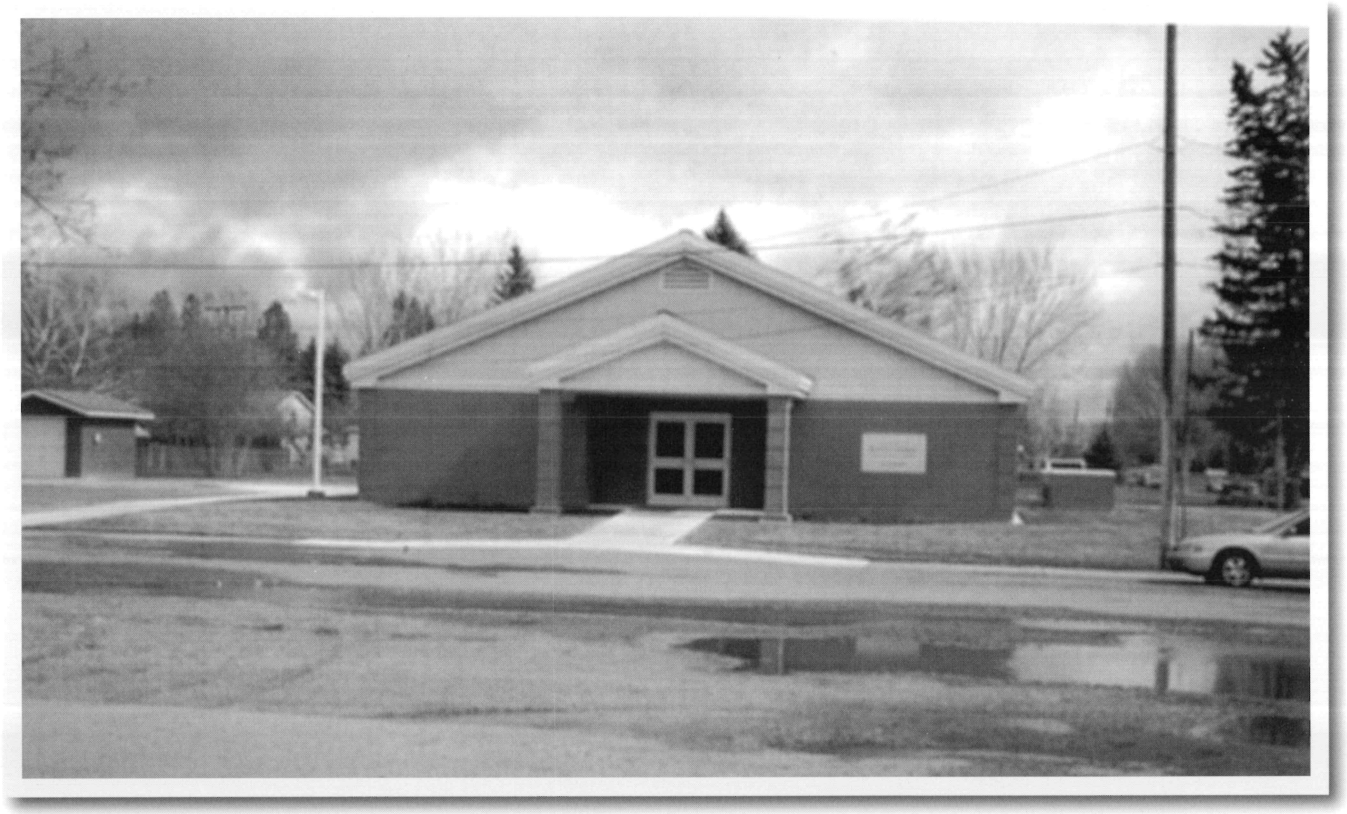
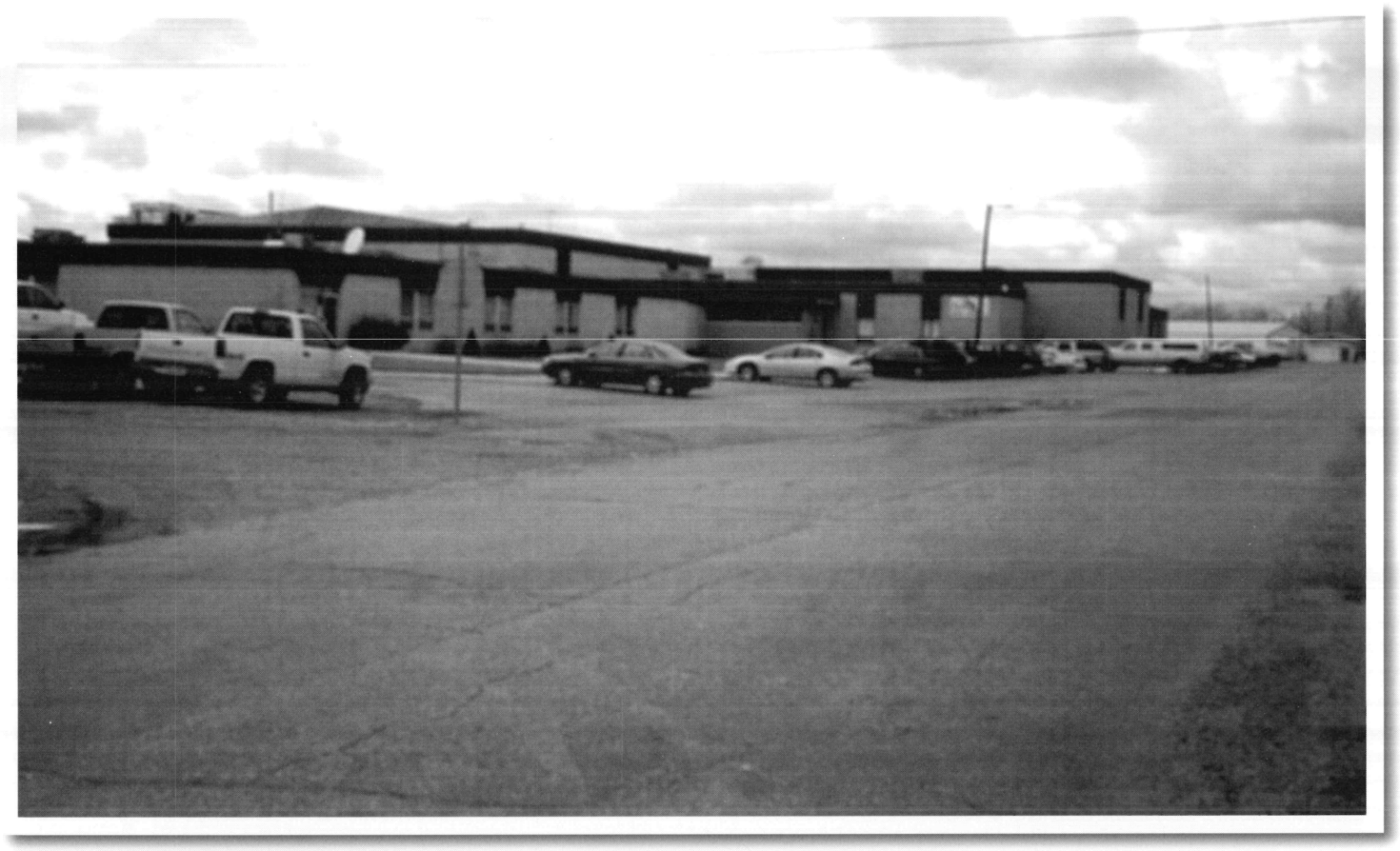


New L.D.S. Seminary building on West Center Street -Spring 2005

Broad view of Firth High School -Spring 2005

New section of the Firth High School -Spring 2005



Firth High School, gymnasium and District office -Spring 2005

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If you can't laugh at the jokes of this age; laugh at the age of the jokes.

Miss Kane—"Only fools are positive."
Verna—"Are you sure."
Miss Kane—"I'm positive."

Mr. Ramsey—(in chemistry)—"Name three bases."
Paul S.—"1st, 2nd and 3rd."


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A little Negro boy was called "Midnight."

One day one of his little Negro friends met him and said, "Hello, Midnight."

"Oh, shet up, you's just about a quarter to twelve yo'sef."

H. Teeples and H. Winschell have notified the members of the sociology class that they have their private office to the rear of the room.

Curtis—"What would you say if I should throw you a kiss?"
Nora—"I would say that you were the laziest boy that I ever met."

Mike—"How far can a jelly roll?"
Elwin—"As far as a tomato can."


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## Firth Drug Store

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Toilet Articles
Fountain Service

"TRY THE DRUG STORE FIRST"

FIRTH, IDAHO



## Firth Produce Co.

J. C. JACOBSEN, Owner

COURTESY AND SERVICE

F. L. HANSEN, Manager

FIRTH IDAHO


*Can You Tell Me?*

Does Ted hold his hand back of his chair in arithmetic to keep from adding on his fingers? If not this, why?

—— □□ ——

Miss Boyson—"Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?"
Bill C.—"At the bottom."

Zelma—(having just received a beautiful set of mink furs from her father)—"What I don't see is how such beautiful furs come from such a low sneaking little beast."

Father—"I don't ask for thanks, dear, but I really insist on respect."


## North Star Garage

LEO W. GUSHWA
Firth, Idaho

**Welding, Auto Repairing, Accessories and Electrical Supplies**

**R. C. A. RADIOLAS**
**ZENITH RADIO**


Ted Lockyer—"I understand that your father said if he caught me here again, he would kick me out of the door."

Alta W.—"Oh, don't mind that, father's punting is wretched."

Soph—"I hear that they are going to print the jokes on tissue paper this year."

Freshie—"Why?"

Soph — "So you Freshies can see through them."


## Bumgarner & Manion

**Choice Cigars, Tobacco, Candies**
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*Ask for Dick or Case*

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**Majestic Ranges**

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Right Price

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**Firth Idaho**

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McCormick-Deering Farm Machinery
Primrose and DeLaval Cream Separators

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Snappy Service
and
Good Eats

MR. AND MRS. C. A. HUTCHINSON

## Cash Grocery

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A GOOD PLACE TO TRADE

E. MANION, *Proprietor*

## The Midland Elevator

## Yellowstone Flour

GRAIN COAL

A. L. FISHER, Manager

FIRTH IDAHO

## FIRTH DRUG STORE

School Supplies Candy

Toilet Articles Fountain Service

*Try the Drug Store First*

FIRTH, IDAHO


Mr. Ramsey (to physics class) "Your lesson for tomorrow will start with lightning and go to thunder."

—— □□ ——

Miss Kane—"I take great pleasure in giving you 80 on this paper."

Chick—"Make it 100 and enjoy yourself."


If You
Eat or Drink or Wear it
We Have it

## Dye Merc.

FIRTH IDAHO


Harold—"Don't you think my whiskers becoming?"

Midge—"They may be coming, but they aren't here yet!"

—— □□ ——

Jack—"Well, turn around."

Althera—"You'll kiss me if I do."

Jack—"No, I wont."

Althera—"Then, what's the use?"

—— □□ ——

Mr. Blom. (after a long argument)—"I wonder what would happen if you and I agreed on anything."

Mrs. Blom.—"I'd be wrong."

FIRTH BILLIARD PARLOR

ICE CREAM - CANDY - FOUNTAIN DRINKS

LUNCH ROOM IN

CONNECTION

C. S. COLLETT, *Manager*


4—Senior ball at Wandamere.
13—Coach Price gave a banquet in honor of the B. B. Boys.
19—University of Idaho, Southern Branch, Music Instructors gave a musical program.
20—Juniors present "Willie's Love Affair."
20—Firth wins honors at Commercial contest at Shelley.
27—School program consisting of two one-act plays, Glee Club, Orchestra and Home Economics exhibits. Presentation of the new radio and a dance in the gym.
28—Senior-Junior feed.

APRIL

Seniors held weinier roast down by the river.

Oh, you Juniors! Would you let the seniors sneak away from you?

Senior theatre party.

Seniors sponsor Neilson Orchestra. contest and dance.

MAY

Campus Day at University of Idaho, Southern Branch.

Commencement day. We bid you adieu, dear school mates, and high school, too.


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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russell

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**FRIDAY and SATURDAY May 23 and 24**

**Sugar Stamp**
Spare No. 11 and 12
Now Good
For 10 lbs. Sugar

*COMPARE PRICES NOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE* Day in and out. Your Market Basket Store's low prices plus advertised specials in all departments help you save pennies, pennies which add up to dollars.

**KELLOGG'S** CORN FLAKES 13 oz. 13c; ALL BRAN . . . . 16 oz. 20c
**KELLOGG'S** WHEAT BISCUITS . . 14c; Variety Package . . . 24c

**QUAKER OATS-3 lb. 30c**

**SKIPPY** Peanut Butter Pound Jar **36c**

FRENCH'S Worcestershire Sauce . . . . . 13c
GRANDMA'S Old Fashion Molasses . qt. 43c
FANCY TOMATO JUICE . . . . . 46 oz. 22c
DEL MONTE Sliced Dill PICKLES . . . . 24 ounce 35c

KINGSFORD'S Silver Gloss STARCH pound 9c
MUSSELMAN'S APPLE JELLY . . . jar 19c
FRESH SALTED PEANUTS . . . pkg. 19c
SHELLED WALNUTS . . . . . pkg. 63c

MARSHMALLOW TOPPING . can 25c
LARGE FANCY PRUNES . 2 lb. pkg. 53c
MOON ROSE Cream Style Golden CORN No. 2 can 18c
Van Camp's HOMINY . . . . . No. 2½ can 15c
Extra Standard TOMATOES . . No. 2 can 15c
Fancy Garden SPINACH . . . . No. 2 can 13c
CANDY CHEWS, Assortment . . . ½ lb. 23c

**WHITE SATIN POWDERED SUGAR**
Serve on Strawberries and Raspberries
**Pound Sealed Pkg. 12c**

Happy Host **PORK & BEANS** No. 2½ Can **19c**

Pierce's **PORK & BEANS** Tall Can **2 for 29c**

**SOILAX** Soilax CLEANS LIKE MAGIC! almost 25¢ LB.-8 OZ.

**SPAM** LUNCHEON MEAT Can 37c

**DEVILED MEAT** For Sandwich Spread 3 cans 19c

**VIENNA SAUSAGE** Fine for Picnics Can 15c

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**CLOROX** FREE FROM CAUSTIC — Disinfects — Qt. 15c; ½ gal. 28c

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Nu Bowl — Cleans Toilets **19c**

THIS WEEK *Betty Crocker* SUGGESTS

*Fruit Flips* a Betty Crocker® recipe
*fluffy little Parkerhouse biscuits . . . with sweetened sliced fruit or berries oozing out of the folds*

Over . . . ¾ to 1 cup fresh sliced fruit or tart berries
sprinkle . . . 1 tbsp. sugar
Then roll out into a 16" x 12" rectangle . . . Bisquick Shortcake Dough (*recipe on Bisquick pkg.*)

Cut rounds with 3" biscuit cutter. Crease across center of each round with back of knife. Brush with softened butter.

On half of each round, place . . . some of the fruit or berries
Sprinkle with . . . ¼ to ½ tsp. brown sugar

Fold over and press edges together well at ends of crease. Place on ungreased heavy baking sheet. Bake about 10 minutes in hot oven (450°). Amount: 12 Fruit Flips. Serve hot . . . for breakfast, luncheon or tea. Delicious as a dessert with cream.

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**Fruit Cocktail**
Hostess Delight, Delicious Fruit
No. 2½ Size
3 cans 1.00

**Grapefruit**
Highway, Ripe Segments
No. 2 Size
5 cans 1.00

**Bartlett Pears**
Harperhouse, Highest Quality
Packed at their Peak of Flavor
No. 1 Tall
5 cans 1.00

**Fancy Peas**
Sugar Belle, Fancy Blended
303 Size
7 cans 1.00

# SAFEWAY SEPTEMBER FOOD SALE!

## Buy 4 and Save

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Townhouse | Grapefruit Juice No. 2 can | 4 for 75¢ |
| Peaches | Fancy, Castle Crest No. 2½ can | 4 for 1.15 |
| Libby's | Pineapple Juice No. 2 can | 4 for 73¢ |
| Pears | Harperhouse No. 303 can | 4 for 93¢ |
| Full O'Gold | Orange Juice No. 2 can | 4 for 75¢ |
| Asparagus | Santa Cruz, All Green, Center Cuts picnic size | 4 for 45¢ |
| Lima Beans | Fresh, Tasty 11 oz. can | 4 for 89¢ |
| Beef Gravy | Franco-American No. 1 can | 4 for 69¢ |
| Pork & Beans | Van Camp No. 2 can | 4 for 73¢ |
| Dog Food | Pork, 100% Horse Meat | 4 cans 69¢ |
| Tomato Soup | Heinz Cream of Tomato | 4 cans 44¢ |
| Campbell's | Pea or Celery | 4 cans 50¢ |
| Campbell's | Chicken, Beef, Clam or Noodle | 4 cans 65¢ |
| Milk | Cherub, Top Quality | 4 cans 50¢ |
| Jell-Well | Gelatine or Pudding | 4 pkgs. 27¢ |
| Ripe Olives | An Excellent Value tall can | 4 for 69¢ |
| Gardenside | Tender Peas | 4 for 45¢ |
| Beans | Highway, Cut Green No. 2 can | 4 for 69¢ |

*Get More For Your Money With These*

**Fresh Coffees**
Edwards lb. 83¢
Nob Hill lb. 78¢
Airway lb. 76¢

## It's September! Time To Check Your Cupboards For The Foods You'll Need For Hearty Meals In The Cooler Days Ahead.

## Look What $1.00 Will Buy at Safeway

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| **Tomato Sauce** Del Monte, Kaop — Plenty on Hand, 15 cans $1.00 | **CORN** Country Whole Kernel — G. B., 12 oz. 8 cans $1.00 | **TOMATOES** Highway, Quality — Pack, No. 2½ 6 cans $1.00 |
| **Beans** Cut Green — No. 2 8 for $1.00 | **PEAS** Highway, Tender, Sweet, No. 303 8 cans $1.00 | **CHERRIES** Honeybird — R. S. P., No. 2 4 cans $1.00 |
| **PINEAPPLE** Libby's Fancy Slices — No. 2½ 3 cans $1.00 | **SARDINES** Blue Water in Olive Oil, No. ¼ 11 cans $1.00 | **SALMON** Prince Leo, Alaska Pink, No. ½ 4 cans $1.00 |
| **SPAGHETTI** Franco-American — 15 oz. 7 cans $1.00 | **SARDINES** Tempest Brand, In Oil, No. ¼ 11 cans $1.00 | **DOG FOOD** Pooch — 16 oz. 13 cans $1.00 |

## Buy 3 and Save

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Preserves | Imitation Delicious, Peach, Cherry or Apricot 31 oz. | 3 for 1.00 |
| Blueberries | Wyman 300 size | 3 cans 95¢ |
| Grapefruit | Glenn Air, Fancy No. 2 | 3 cans 73¢ |
| Pumpkin | Moonbeam, Solid Pack No. 2½ | 3 cans 39¢ |
| Pineapple | Libby's, Sliced No. 2 | 3 cans 95¢ |
| Spinach | Emerald Boy, Fancy No. 2½ | 3 cans 57¢ |
| Salmon | Prince Leo, Alaska Pink No. 1 | 3 cans 1.29 |
| White Star | Tuna Fish, Solid No. ½ | 3 cans 1.15 |
| Sardines | Star Boat, Tomato Sauce, Oval | 3 cans 55¢ |
| Oysters | Windless, Gulf 4 oz. | 3 cans 1.29 |
| Snack | Ready To Eat Lunch Meat 12 oz. | 3 for 1.47 |
| Salmon | Gold Cove tall can | 3 for 1.19 |
| Beans | Dinnerette Pork & Beans No. 303 | 3 cans 29¢ |
| Sauce | Ocean Spray, Cranberry 300 size | 3 cans 52¢ |
| Del Maiz | Mexicorn 12 oz. | 3 cans 59¢ |
| Hominy | Banjo No. 2 | 3 cans 37¢ |
| Potatoes | Newmark, Whole New No. 1 | 3 cans 29¢ |
| Gerbers | Baby Food | 3 cans 25¢ |

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| CRISCO Shortening | 3 lbs. 98¢ |
| SYRUP Flapjack | 5 lb. tin 73¢ |
| ROYAL SATIN Shortening | 3 lbs. 92¢ |
| REAL ROAST Peanut Butter | 1½ lbs. 59¢ |

Small Size lb. 49¢

**PORK ROASTS** Lean, Boston Butts lb. 55¢

**BEEF ROAST** U. S. Graded, Chuck Blade Roast lb. 63¢

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|---|---|---|---|
| Veal Roast | U. S. Choice or Round Bone lb. 63¢ | Ground Beef | Fresh, Lean lb. 55c |
| Hams | Smoked, Whole or Half lb. 55c | Breast Veal | For Stuffing U. S. Graded lb. 45¢ |
| Beef Liver | Serve with Sliced Bacon lb. 57c | Fowl | A Grade, Cut-up and U. S. Inspected lb. 65¢ |
| Sliced Bacon | Adds Energy Value to Meals lb. 59c | Fryers | Clean, Dissjointed, A Grade lb. 73¢ |
| Sirloin Steak | Tender, U. S. Graded lb. 83c | Halibut | Sliced, Ready for the Pan lb. 63¢ |
| Lamb Legs | U. S. Graded, Serve for Special Dinners lb. 77¢ | Salmon | Alaska Red Slices Fresh, Frozen lb. 65¢ |
| Short Ribs | Lean Boiling Beef lb. 35¢ | | |

*Typical Safeway Values*

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|---|---|---|---|
| Sunnybank | Fresh, Sweet, Margarine lb. 43¢ | Preserves | Imitation Strawberry 31 oz. 55¢ |
| Crackers | Fresh Sodas 2lb. box 39c | Fleet Mix | Biscuit Mix 40 oz. pkg. 42¢ |
| Marshmallows | Fluffiest lb. 29¢ | Oats | Quaker's Quick or Regular pkg. 35¢ |
| Swedish Mints | Always A Treat lb. 31¢ | Corn Meal | Mammy Lou Yellow 5 lbs. 39¢ |

## FLOUR SALE

| Kitchen Craft Enriched | | Harvest Blossom Family Flour | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10 lbs. | 89¢ | 25 lbs. 1.69 | 50 lbs. 3.29 |
| 25 lb. | 1.98 | Drifted Snow or Gold Medal | |
| 50 lb. | 3.89 | 25 lbs. 1.98 | 50 lbs. 3.89 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Beverages | Creamont Asst. Flavors (No Bot. Dep.) 26 oz. 15¢ | Bread | Homestyle, Tender, Rich 16 oz. loaf 15¢ |
| Gum | Wrigley's Popular Brands 3 pkgs. 11c | Bread | Mrs. Wright's White or W.W. 24 oz. loaf 19¢ |
| Candy | Fresh Gum Drops or Orange Slices lb. 23¢ | Cakes | Angel Food, Rich, Tender ea. 35¢ |
| Cracker Jack | Ideal for the Week End 2 pkgs. 9¢ | Sweet Rolls | Spicy, Cinnamon and Filled 6 pack 33¢ |
| Cigarettes | Popular Brands ctn. 1.87 | Grahams | Honey Bee 2 lb. box 55¢ |

*For Quick Lunches*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Duchess | Salad Dressing | pt. 35¢ |
| Pickles | Are, Whole Dill | qt. 31c |
| Dill Pickles | Are, Tasty Cut Dills | 22 oz. 19¢ |
| Mustard | French's Prepared | 6 oz. 10¢ |
| Clover Club | Potato Chips | family size 39¢ |
| Kool Aid | For Refreshing Drinks | 3 pkgs. 11¢ |
| Coca-Cola | or 7-UP (Plus Deposit) | 6 bot. 30c |
| Flavoraid | Assorted Flavors | 4 pkgs. 15¢ |
| Green Spot | Orange, A Real Fruit Drink | 46 oz. 33¢ |
| Green Tea | Canterbury | ½ lb. 43c |
| Tea Bags | Canterbury Black | 48 ct. 49¢ |

## Look At The Buys on Produce

**PEARS** For Canning Bushel 5.29

**GRAPES** Concord for Jelly ½ bu. 1.98

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|---|---|
| Tomatoes, 3-layer lug | 1.45 |
| Prunes | ½ bu. 1.69 |
| Cauliflower | lb. 10¢ |
| Yams U. S. No. 1, Louisiana Sweets | lb. 11¢ |
| Potatoes U. S. No. 1, Special Pack, Russets | 5 lbs. 25¢ |
| Oranges Fancy, Juicy, Just Right for Lunches | lb. 10¢ |
| Onions U. S. No. 1, New Crop, Sweet Spanish | 50 lb. bag 98¢ |
| Bananas, fancy | lb. 15¢ |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **BEVERLY** Peanut Butter Tasty 12 oz. 34¢ | **VINEGAR** Cider or White Old Mill qt. 19¢ | **VANILLA** Flavoring Westag 8 oz. 15¢ | **Sno-White** Table Salt Fine 26 oz. 9¢ | **Lunch Box** Sandwich Spread Pint 35¢ | **SYRUP** Sleepy Hollow Rich In Real Maple 24 oz. 54¢ | **SUZANNA** Pancake & Waffle Flour 3½ lbs. 42¢ |

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# Couple compiling history of Firth for centennial

By SHEL WILLIAMS
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On the ranch Nels and Emma Just established in 1870, their grandson Wallace Reid and his wife, Marlene Stibal Reid, pore over photos from the past.

M. Reid

The couple is compiling a history of Firth to commemorate its centennial, which will be celebrated July 9. They plan to sell copies during the celebration.

Piles of photos and documents cover the card table and computer stand as the Reids work on the book. Other photos have already come and gone.

"We have gleaned and gathered and then returned so they wouldn't be submerged in my house," Marlene Stibal Reid said.

It was Aug. 31, 1905, when Lorenzo Firth and his wife, Dorcas, donated the land for the town site.

The Reids plan to begin the book with a history of the Firths and the Dye brothers, the area's original settlers.

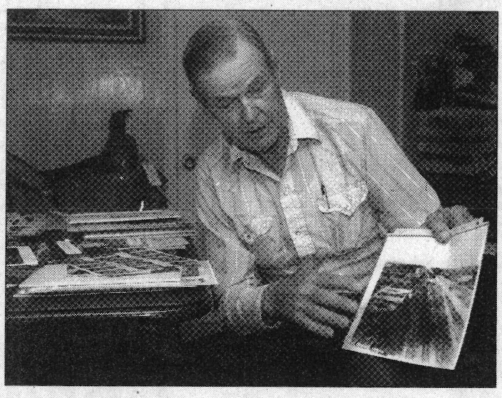
The balance of the book will document the town's history through photographs collected and divided into decades.

To give it context, Marlene Stibal Reid spent an afternoon in the Idaho Falls Public Library researching the past 100 years for events to include at the beginning of each decade's photos.

Then it was on to organizing the book into sections.

"Today we're putting all the descriptions underneath each picture," she said.

Collecting the photos has been a treasure hunt for the Reids. Wallace Reid's favorite photo is of the railroad and stockyards, taken from the town water tower sometime before 1925.



Wallace Reid recalls when he was a young man and drove cattle down the railroad stock pens in Firth.

Robert Bower
Post Register

## Revisiting the past

Firth's centennial celebration will be held July 9. The town will celebrate with a parade, barbecue, displays and other festivities.

Committee members are looking for parade entries and information on Firth "firsts" — the first homecoming queen, the first athletes and other community milestones. A special tribute to Firth veterans is also planned.

If you have food items or money to donate or information to contribute, please call co-chairwomen Marlene Rogers at 346-6198 or Barbara Johnson at 346-6857.

The stockyard shown is the same one he used in 1939 as a young man driving cattle through town on horseback.

Stories bubble to the surface as memories are stirred.

"I was trying to find out when electricity first came to Firth," Wallace Reid said. "My big brother told me that mom and dad bought a Delco generator in 1923 from people in Firth who didn't need it anymore, so he thinks they probably sold it the year they got electricity."

The book is headed to the printers soon.

"I hope to have it all together by Wednesday and to the publisher," Marlene Stibal Reid said.

The book is scheduled to be 98 pages, but the Reids worry that still won't be enough room for all the pictures they've received. No photos of individuals were accepted — only photos including a building or car that helped define the decade, or of people at work or play.

At this stage, no one is sure how many books will be printed or how much they will cost. The city is paying for the publication and is still working out the numbers.

"Right now, it's first come, first served," Marlene Stibal Reid said.

# Pictures worth 1,000 words

Firth family photo

**Family members stand at the 1894 homestead of Lorenzo Firth. The group includes, from left, Mable Firth, Thomas Firth, Marion Firth being held by her mother, Dorcas Firth, Lorenzo J. Firth, Emma Firth, Nels Fred Nelson and Mary Ann (Firth) Nelson. In the wagon is Auntie Karr and her daughter with an unknown individual.**

# NOSTALGIA OF FIRTH

Friends sat reminiscing of days gone by and today in Firth. Whether as town be large or small matters little, it's the memories of friends, relatives, neighbors, schools, churches, and business places of today and all the yester-years.

Firth, named for an early pioneer, Lorenzo J. Firth, was incorporated as a village in 1934 and serves an agriculture area (the Idaho encyclopedia). U.S. Highway 91 goes through the center of Firth as does the Union Pacific Railroad. The town was built as a result of the railroad changing their depot station from the old site of Basalt to firth, and from narrow gauge tracks to the ones in present use.

One of firth's first grocery stores was owned and operated by Carl Nelson and M.D. andrus. Later Andrus bought Nelson's share and Nelson devoted himself to farming. His son, Howard, is still on the farm and has a hobby of old threshing machines and tractors. The Nelson Andrus store was a typical country store.

The Andrus family rented out rooms to traveling salesmen and had apartments in their basement. Two sons, Milo and Orton, bought and sold sheep, shipping a lot of fat lambs that had been fattened on third crop alfalfa and sugar beet tops.

J.S. (Bill) Holley operated a livery stable and laster a garage. There have been many garages and sedrvice station operators, some are: Mervin Fisher, Sterling Hone, Austin Brower, Ernest Tschikof, Kent Ockerman, Frank Lyon, Conans, Clyde Gardner, Leo Gushwa, Jake Nield, Lyle Staples, Elzo White, Bob Greeman, Boyd Jolley Fullenwider, Rainsdons, and Bill and Terry Bolinder.

The old Phillips Service Station, which now houses the fire station and the old North Star Garage, is the home of the Barrus Well Drilling. The old Texaco Station has been remodeled and is a fun center with convenience items and a car wash near it, operated by Boyd and Daren Jolley.

Jack Slayton had a lumber yard where the Riverview Grange is now housed. Mrs. Slayton taught school. Later Mr. Slayton sold the lumber yasrd, and he and Aaron Croney built an implement house. this company was later sold to Jim and Joe Lyons, who years later sold to Eldon Jolley. Mr. Aaron Croney was building and doing the finish work of many houses; he also built coffins.

A Mr. Johnson and Pete Corgatelli built a store. J.W. Ramsey and son had a dry goods and grocery store with a meat market in the basement. Those operating grocery stores were: Ed Manion, Mr. Smith, Elmer Johns, Rulon Crezee, and others for short period of time. About 1918 Joseph and William Dye buit a store. It had groceries, dry goods to clothe the family, gas, oil, and hardware. In the 1940s it was sold to Clyde and Ida Gardner and then to Fred Shockey. Neiharts ran it for several years until they built a new store, "Stop and Shop," where they are now (1988). Bolinder Service Station also sells some food items.

A First National Bank was once in Firth. A few Liberty Bell savings banks are proof of this bank, although it closed its doors during depression years.

A drug store adorned the business front of Firth, Earl and Lou Warren were the last to have a drug store in Firth.

Firth had its hare of pool halls and bars. In years past only men frequented these placed, but now there's no sex discrimination. A few people who ran these are: Bill Hutchinson and Lou Hurt, Case Manion, Ray Gushwa, Chewster Sutton, Grant and Sam Collett.

The Melba Theater, operated by Bill Hutchinson and Lou Hurts, was a favorite fun place for years, as was the Crystal Maze dance hall. The dance hall was used for community entertainments, church dances, and roller skating. A mile north was another dance hall and swimming pool operated by Olers.

The afternoons reminiscing brought to mind Alexander Robinson, Justice of Peace and notary for years; town marshalls, M.S. Lockeyer, Austin Brower, David Klabins, Oscar Sorenson, and Steve Johnson; the cheese factory that Harold Bues managed; well drilling by Morrison, Tom King and John Drew; cafes--from full meals to hamburger joints; several beauty shops and lumber yards. Mr. Kimp, David Haycock, and Harold Brighton had barber shops. A building owned by George Wernette and Florence Shockey housed the blacksmith shop. The blacksmiths were Carl Grandberg, Rodger Brusseur, Oley Bues, and Ed Hall. P.B. Van Blaracun had a harness shop and shoe repair. There was a meat market in town with a slaughter houe on the bank of the Snake River. A mink farm was down by the river at one time. Firth has boasted a laundermat for some years.

Potato warehouses have been an important industry through the years. Operators have been Robert Brewington, Weidman, Howard and Barnett, Farrell and Heber Hansen, Coons, Terril Pixton, Alferd Tschikof, Bill Wilson, Woodward Brothers, Joseph Tucker, Leonard-Crossit and Rieley, Belsons, Idaho Potato Growers, Croft and Hone, Croft Inc. Diamond S and Idaho Supreme Processing Plant.

A sugar beet dump was on the south end of town, along the railroad tracks. The farmers hauled topped beets here where they were loaded on railroad cars and shipped ot an Utah-Idaho factory in Shelley, Blackfoot, or Lincoln.

The area farmers had a grain mill. The Pinto brand flour was milled by Floyd Womack. Whole wheat and white flour was milled along with pancake flour and a by-product called shorts. Farmers took in grain they raised and brought home flour.

The Midland Elevators had ann elevator in Firth but didn't mill flour. Albert Fisher managed this for yeasrs, followed by John Berg, and Hyrum Mecham. Now Claude Mecham and sons own this enterprise.

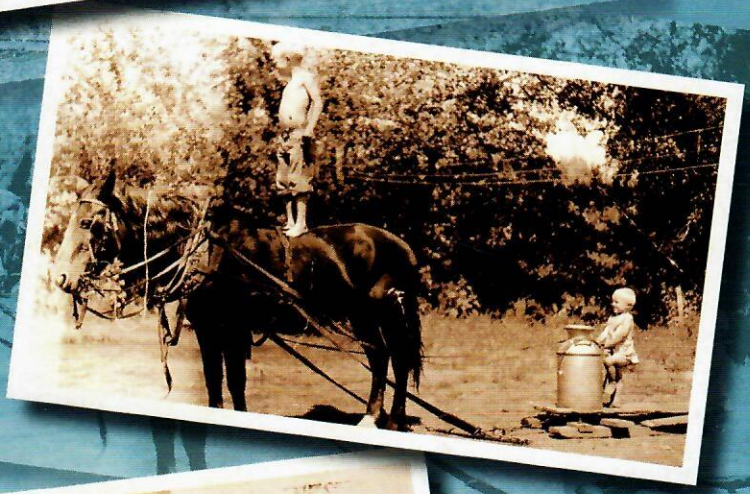
In the early twenties Dr. Teeg and Dr. Quick had practices in Firth.

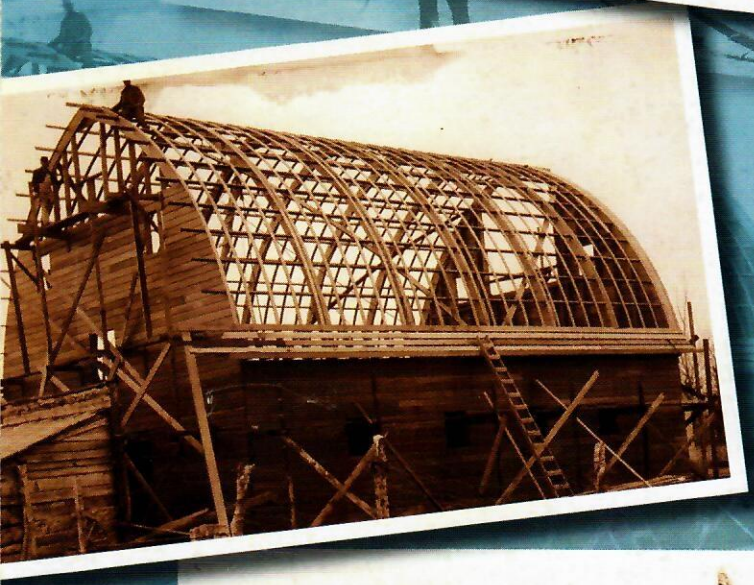
Chris Hansen and son, Vern, had a repair shop and tow truck business; Ed Christensen and Charles Peterson made cinder blocks; R.E. Fenner had a Firth newspaper, buut it only lasted a few years as it had much competition from Shelley, Idaho Falls, and Blackfoot papers. Ross Berg and Larry Lyons operated the B and L Hardware. Verne and Bruce Anthony have an auto part store and a craft shop was started in 1987.

Johnson's Fruit Stand served people of the area for many years, even though it was just an open roadside stand. Ezra and Ada spent many hours at the stand and son Wayne promoted the business. He later took over and built a building to house the produce. Wayne's son, Kirk, is the owner now and rented the building to Dee and Marlyn Peterson for the summer of 1988.

The railroad depot was a standing sentinel, but has been removed. The Teton Dam flood did some damage to Firth.

We can ever be grateful to faithful pioneers that struggled to build canals and bring water from the Snake River for irrigation, that we may have the peaceful little towh of Firth, Idaho.





For all things, there has to be a beginning and so with the little community of Firth, Idaho. Lorenzo and Dorcus Firth generously donated part of their homestead land for the first buildings of the Firth town to be built on. The story of their lives, along with the pioneer Dye Families, are profiled here along with a collection of pictures of people through the span of 100 years.

On March 7, 2005, the Firth City Council met to make plans for the Firth 100th celebration to be held July 9, 2005. Many plans were discussed and the publication of a book was unanimously approved. They would now have to find a person or people to chair the project.

On April 4, 2005, a community meeting was held. It was here that the people were asked if they would volunteer to chair individual events. Marlene Reid volunteered to chair the parade along with her husband, Wallace, however, Wallace Reid, (born and raised in the vicinity), spoke up and said, "No, we want to chair the making of the book!" Marlene accepted the challenge her husband placed in front of her, with the statement, "I am just a transplant into this area (for only fifty-five years), I will try to do my best, but I am not good at making a wedding dress the same day, so we will start right now working on the project!" Rone and Beth Clawson, (also transplants into the area for forty-four years), spoke up and said that they would help Wallace and Marlene Reid with the book.

For the editors that volunteered, they stated, "It has been a memorable journey. This project brought into focus, even more clearly, how brief a life span is and a clearer knowledge and understanding of that small community. Thanks to all of you that contributed with your treasured pictures, help and encouragement. It has been a wonderful experience!"